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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 16, 1719. Received per Mary the 15th July, 1719. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 193–195 (India Office transcript)*].

1. Their last was of the 18th December by the Derby, its Duplicate sent and Triplicate of the 19th September.

2. Mary, Captain Holden, arriv'd from Bengall 30th December had been at Vizagapatam, Mr. Symonds came on her to get help for his Indisposition. Margaret Anne belonging to Mr. Addams of Callicutt arriv'd from Canton 5th January with Letters from Mr. Elwick, Mr. Scattergood, &c^{a}., Supra Cargos of the Madrass ships London and Boneta, two Companys ships, and Captain Tobins of Ostend were at Canton, also a French ship and Captain Boone from Bombay. The Madrass ship Barrington was got to Manilla and a Galloon from New Spain with less Treasure than usuall, the Companys ships would sail in November.

3. The Emperour has obliged the Mandarins to make satisfaction to the Owners of the China Junk which the English seiz'd at Amoy and has seiz'd the rest of their estates for refusing justice to the English. English ships now treated better than formerly, pray the Companys orders about dividing that Junks cargo to the Owners.

4. Warehouse and Storekeepers List of Demands pray may be comply'd with especially in the Colour'd Cloth for Sale, Yellow Cloth and Perpets out of demand, the Yellow Cloth in the Bay expected back at Madrass.

5. If have enô Petre hope to dispatch the Bouverie and a West Coast ship in August and to have 2,000 Bales from them, having wrote to the West Coast to send one.

6. The Brigantine Success dispatcht from the Bay with 600 Bags Petre and a rich lading of Ophium, Raw Silk, &c^{a}., run ashore 10 Leagues to the Norward of Armagon thrô the Masters carelessness he and his Men left her full of water, have sent Persons to save what they can.

7. Are at Peace with the Government, the Nabob and his Officers seem ready to Oblige them, Report says Sied Hussanally Caun is advanced with 35,000 horse to the river Narmada half way to Delhi 30,000 of the Kings horse obstruct his passage. News about Abdulla Caun Contradictory, probable he is at the head of an Army, waiting to be joyn'd by his Brother.

8. Want of rain makes the Grain wither on the ground, the Tanks exhausted, Dismal famine threaten'd unless can get supplys from abroad, Rice scarce and dear in Bengall, have daily fed at their own expence 4 or 5,000 people, 9 Garse of rice spent thereby, have now added 3 of the Companys.

9. The timely provision of rice last year on the Companys account has preserv'd the Garrison and Inhabitants from starving, no other to be bought for 2 or 3 months past, have but 20 Garse left, have order'd buying 100 Garse more gradually without raising the market.

10. Famine not so great to the Norward but the Pestilence has kill'd $\frac{2}{3}$ of the People at Vizagapatam and more at Ganjam, which with the disorders in the Government stops all the Inland trade, Madrass consumes about 4,000 Garse of rice a year which at 80 Pag^{s}. is 320,000 and is treble the ordinary charge and will impoverish the midling rank of people.

11. Mr. Legg desired the 5th instant to return to England which could not deny, he deserves great Commendation for fidelity and being a generous Merchant, and takes passage on the Mary, will give a clear Account of the Companys Affairs, Mr. John Turton added to the Council, George Drake succeeds him as Steward and John Russon him Register of the Choultry.

12. Mr. Burton brought with him last year clandestinely in the Mary Edmund Massey his Wives Brother pretending he was able to do great things for him, to save him from ruin have taken him in a Writer being qualify'd, but if the Company don't approve it, shall return him to England, he seems likely to make a good servant.

13. Daniell Allen Souldier sent to St. Helena guilty of desertion &c^{a}.

14. Answer to the Accomptants letter now sent, have drawn Bills for the summes payable to the Persons undermention'd viz^{t}. Pag^{s}. 888 : 32 : to Edward Harrison Esq., Pag^{s}. 2,342 : to Andrew and Henry Lapostre, Pag^{s}. 10,000 to Edward Harrison Esq.

15. Bales 350 of the Successes Callicoes laden on this ship Mary, six bales of them sent to St. Helena.

16. The Diamond Trade being at a full stand at Mr. Legs desire have permitted his lading 2 Tons of Tea on the Mary consign'd to the Company.

17. List of Covenant servants sent with other Papers as order'd and General Books Q, ending April 1718, with Dyarys, Consultations, &c^{a}. books.

18. Diamond List per Mary is Pag^{s}. 3,555 : 9 : 4. Captain Holdens Register is Pag^{s}. 3,168 : 12 : Invoice of the Mary Pag^{s}. 173,915.

Rand : Fowke.	Joseph Collet.
Rich^{d} : Benyon.	Wm. Jennings.
J. Emmerson.	Rich^{d} : Horden.
John Turton.	John Legg.

P.S.—Have drawn Bills for Pag^{s}. 2,000 payable to Edward Harrison Esq. and for Pag^{s}. 3,000 payable to Mr John Legg. The 6 Bales of Callicoes for St. Helena by the Mary must be sent per King George. Have not yet received from St. Davids Account of the Derby Sloops charge in setting up there.

Abstract of General Letter from Fort St. George to the Company, dated February 16, 1719. Received per the King George, the 14th March, 1720. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 197–199 (India Office transcript)*].

1. Their last was of the 16th January per Mary, dispatcht the 17th, she sail'd the 19th. Sloop Dartmouth with Bales from St Davids Arriv'd the 23th, and the 29th the King George from the Bay with 2,000 Bags of Petre and Stores, 30th the Young Derby from St. Davids brought 205 Bales, Stores sent to S^{t}. Davids the 31th. The 9th February Arriv'd the Queen from the West Coast, by her receiv'd the Companys Pacquet and Letter 14th March, one from Secret Committee and one from the Secretary of the 22th with the Com^{n} : to try Pyrates.

2. Will carefully observe the orders about the West Coast to see they are comply'd with there. Mr. Collet has paid in Pag^{s}. 805 at 15 dollars for 10 pagodas amounting to dollars 1,207 : $\frac{1}{2}$ on Account of fresh provisions above the 100 dollars allow'd.

3. Roger Bulmore the Pyrate still in Prison, when the Evidence gon to Surat returns shall try him according to the Instructions sent for Proceeding in such a Tryal and send the Account in writing.

4. Shall advise Bombay of a like Commission sending thither.

5. Answer to the secret Committees Letter sent.

6. Glad to understand the King William was arriv'd. Secretary blam'd for not sending translate of Phirmaund.

7. As to the suggestion of a Gusbadars being sent from Court to order the surrender of Dieu, the Government is in that disorder the Nabobs don't regard the Kings orders or Grants and without buying them again or seizing them by force can have no possession.

8. Have dispatcht the King George as soon as possible, her Invoice pag^{s}. 172,693 : 4 : 69.

9. Captain Martin order'd to get his ship ready to take in Goods, refer to his answer in Consultation of the 13th instant why could not sail to St. Davids till end of March, and to that Consultation for what don thereupon.

10. Bouverie expected from Persia in May, shall dispatch her and the Queen in July and August, fear shall want Kintlage for an October ship.

11. List of Bales remaining at Madrass and St. Davids sent.

12. Being in debt to the Merchants for goods brought in have drawn Bills for the following summs with which paid off Bonds and supply'd St. Davids. To Michael Jedderee for pags. 1,444 : 46. To Mrs. Grace Benyon for pag^{s}. 5 0. To Sir Robert Nightingale and Francis Chamberlayne Esq. for pag^{s}. 26,645 : 9 : 8. To Sir Thomas Frankland and E. Harrison, Esq. for pag^{s}. 6,000. To Captain Abraham Dawes and John Turner Esq. for pag^{s}. 4,697 : 18 : 15.

13. Mr. Elwick hourly expected from China, Major Roach gon to Bengall for his health but thence going to Manilla is discharged. Ensign Sutherland made Lieutenant of the 3d Company, desire to know whether the Company will have three companys.

14. Thomas Nelthorpe sent on the King George charg'd with sodomy, have not power to proceed against him, his wife at Coddolore, will have a maintenance from the Church.

15. Refer to Consultation 11th instant about visit made them by Ducknaroy the Nabobs favourite and Tyre Caun his Generall were pleased with their Treatment, hope it will establish the Peace lately made.

16. Mr. Morris brought on the Queen from the West Coast confin'd to the Inner Fort, Letter from thence 29th November enter'd in the Book

17. Pag^{s}. 55 : 12 : 30. due from Captain Woodviles estate paid into Cash if it has been made good in the Bay as reported pray to pay the value to the Executors in England.

18. Young Derby compleated is a good vessell, like to last many years, will keep her employ'd account of her whole Cost and Charges sent.

RAND. FOWKE JOSEPH COLLET.
RICH. BENYON. WM. JENNINGS.
J. EMMERSON. RICH : HORDEN
JOHN TURTON.

P.S.—

Bill drawn for pag^{s}. 500 payable to John Freeman Esq. One for pag^{s}. 500 payable to Mrs. Horden and Alexander Bennet. List of Bales remaining sent in the Packet.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JULY 29, 1719. Received per the Queen 16th March 1720. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 199–208 (India Office transcript)*].

1. Their last was by the King George of the 16th February dispatcht the 17th sail'd the 19th, have since receiv'd the Companys letter of the 17th of October by the King William she arriv'd 10th June and their Letter of the 9th January by the Marlbro' she arriv'd 2d July, and that of the 4th March by the Townshend, which arriv'd 13th instant in 4 Months from the Isle of Wight. Vansittart and Godfrey not arriv'd.

2. Being to hasten away this ship can't now answer said Letters, but hope to do it satisfactorily by the next, shall now give a present account of the State of the Companys Affairs under the prescrib'd heads.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPS SENT OUT AND RETURN'D.

3. The Young Derby which had brought Bales from St. Davids dispatcht back for more the 18th February, sloop Dartmouth brought another lading from thence the 22th when arriv'd their ship Marlborough from Sincquole on the West Coast between Baroose and Atcheen, the Dutch at Barroose protested against the Captain for Trading with the Natives, thô the place is not subject to them but tributary to Acheen. Translate of their Protest enter'd in Consultation the 9th March.

4. February 25th their Ship London arriv'd from China Messrs. Elwick and Trenchfield Supra Cargos, next day Mr. Elwick admitted 3d of Council and Warehousekeeper. 2d March arriv'd from the West Coast the George Brigantine with Mr. Farmer, 7th Young Derby return'd from St. Davids with Bales and sent back the 19th for more but beat back and return'd the 10th May, 8th the Queen sent thither on same account, 27th the Queen arriv'd with 1000 Bales, 28th the George Brigantine sail'd for Vizagapatam with Treasure, Goods, and Stores and order'd to be refitted because cheaper than in Bengall. 22th May the Dartmouth from the Mallabar Coast came into Madrass Road having touch'd at St. Davids Bombay Letters of the 13th April advise the Dartmouth was order'd to stay in that Road till August and then sail for England, 26th May the Young Derby made another attempt to go to St. Davids but could not she return'd 8th June, 10th June arriv'd from London the King William 2d July the Marlbro' and the Townshend, the 13th the Metchlepatam from the West Coast with the Deputy Governor Cooke arriv'd the 5th, the 10th the King William sail'd for St. Davids with Treasure, Goods, and Stores and to bring up Bales.

5. The Des Bouverie expected daily from Persia intend to dispatch her asoon as possible if she don't arrive time enô to be laden in October shall dispatch another.

6. Receiv'd advice the 4th May of 3 French ships arriv'd at Nagoor a Moors port between Trincombar and Negapatam, believing them to be Interlopers, summon'd all the Black Merchants of Madrass and order'd them to forbid their Factors and Agents Trading with any such, under penalty of Confiscation and Imprisonment for life, the next day sent same orders to St. Davids. 7th receiv'd advice from St. Davids that the ship Emperour Charles the 5th Captain De La Merville (with the Emperours Passe was arriv'd at Nagoor) of 500 Tons 40 Guns and attempted to get an Europe Cargo on which wrote to the Dutch Governor of Negapatam, the French of Pondicherry and the Danish of Tranquebar to joyn in opposing it as per Letters sent and received enter'd in the Letter Books. The Danes admitted the ship to Tranquebar being necessitous, the Letters will show how zealous the President was to prevent it, he obliged the black Merchants to make their factors at Tranquebar to quit it and retire to Coddalore, the Danes highly resented it as per Governor Bruns letter, she is yet there but has don no business having but little stock, apprehend they will turn pyrate but the Captain is of St. Mallo's and has a good character from the French, he is treating with the Nabob to settle near Trivembore 5 leagues to the southward of

Madrass, the President has had the place survey'd and found it improper, the ship has not stock and the Moors will not launch out money to go thrô with it, will do all they can to prevent it. Desire the Company to consider how far it is necessary to joyn with the Dutch to oppose the attempt, if 2 or 3 ships with large stocks came out they might get a settlement, refer to Consultations 11th, 14th, and 18th May, 1st and 8th June, and 2d July about the dispute with the Danes and the Councils Memoriall thereupon.

7. Sorry to read so many ships are likely to come from Europe on this ill design, will do what possible to frustrate such as come on that Coast, hope the service the English did the Emperour may prevail to let no more such Passes be granted.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT FROM EUROPE.

8. Will obey the orders for sending Treasure and Mettalls for the Bay, are now coyning 20 Chests into rupees and shall more.

9. Trade at a full stand as to woollen goods, etc., for the inland countrey, the famine has almost dispeopled the adjacent Countrey and made land carriage impracticable, the springs being dry'd up no water for the beasts of burden, most of the Cloth brought for the Company is on the mens shoulders instead of oxen, must oblige the Merchants to take off the Cloth at former price can't sell any for more. They have 200 Bales unsold in Town and much in the Countrey, the Coral for dyamonds will not sell for prime cost and Charges Benzoin and camphor 3 years since were valuable will not now sell for half so much, trade can't mend till plenty restor'd.

10. Have with much care got grain just enô to keep the people alive. Paddy continues at 40 pag^{s}. a garse and rice at 80. Near double in the Countrey therefore forced to guard their bounds strictly to keep it from carrying thither thô most have deserted. Several persons dying in the streets for want have by charity raised a stock with which feed 4,000.

11. Till this month have not had 3 hours rain since November, the river more exhausted than ever known, the springs in general fail and the water where any is worse than usual, the few late showers have made the air more temperate and produced a small spring of grass to save the few remaining cattle.

12. The Black Merchants are bringing in a large quantity of paddy from the southward, hope it will serve till rice comes from Bengall, if have not seasonable rains in September and October shall have a dismal view, this the 3d year of famine trade will be ruin'd and also the midling people.

13. Have mention'd this dismal account together to show it in one view.

14. The Conicoply not taking out a bale of Paper sent on the King George from the Bay it is gon for England for which he has paid pag^{s}. 10½ the value into Cash as per Consultation 23th February.

15. Chest Treasure per Marlbrô No. 406 Invoiced Mexico dollars proves Estimates as per Consultation 16th Instant.

16. Refer to Consultation 24th March for the reason and charge of setting up one of the Tents, Ducknaroy and several great Moor Men saw it and admired saying it was fit only for the Mogul or Royal family no likelyhood of selling them unless bought up to be presented to Court.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

17. Consultations 9th, 11th, 16th and 19th March will show the New Contract made for the Current year and why the Chitties have one half separate from the Quomitys, hope the Company will approve it, The Chitties trade as freely and live at as much ease as ever.

18. The King Williams orders for investments much larger than ever before and will require more hands to wash, on which made additional Contracts for 1400 Bales at Madrass, gave the same orders to St. Davids and to encrease at Vizagapatam, this will reduce the remainder of the orders for next year to about 5,000 Bales, which if no Drought and famine may be provided with ease.

19. If have not rain can't wash the Brown Goods already brought in, of late months could not wash the half of the usual quantity thô have been at the charge of cleaning the washers tanks and digging new wells or else could have had none.

20. The Consultations are full on these heads whereto refer.

21. Mr. Symonds representation about his advancing money to the Merchants if contracts with them on the Companys account, which the Company forbid, or on his own account to the Weavers both being poor and else can have no goods, enter'd in Consultation 6th July, have chose at present the last way but desire directions.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

22. Fear several branches of their trade are in an ill condition, 2 ships sent to Manilla fear will be made Prize of, on the King Williams arrival hearing a likelyhood of a War with Spain sold a ship they were dispatching thither to the Portuguez and Armenians who have sent her as a Jentue ship from St. Thoma.

23. Last years trade to China so good have sent two this season thô have not sold off any of the goods which used to be for the Madrass Market, the seizing the Amoy Junk has made the Chineses treat the English better than ever before and dispatch them sooner.

24. The Trade from Bengall to Surat almost lost except for Gruff Goods, the additional Charges on the English Merchants at both ports prevents the sending Bale goods on their own accounts, the Moors can pay freight and yet undersell them, the last years ships have hardly made saving voyages.

25. Refer to Consultation of the 2^{d} instant for the account of the state of the Countrey Government and about Dieu Island, if have fresher news from Dilly or Agra shall advise it.

26. Chimana Chittee attempting to break the laws for preventing all differences between the Casts by hoisting a Jentue instead of the St. Georges flagg, was try'd and sentenced as per Consultations 26th February and 2d March.

27. Refer to Consulation 2d March about Captain Powneys Complaint against Captain Hamilton belonging to Bombay who by his Letter there enter'd threatens to make Reprizals on the Madrass ships because not so well treated at Syam as Captain Powney, desire the Companys orders upon it.

28. In the same Consultation is an account of the ill practice of the Portugeez Priests at St. Thoma marrying Madrass People without the Presidents leave, have made them promise to do so no more.

29. Stewards expences reduced the last and present year as much as possible, but the famine makes the encrease unavoidable as per representation and Consultation 2d and 9th instant.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, AND REVENUES.

30. Inner Fort compleated last year, the warehouses now going forward, the old Bridge gate at the Armenian end of the Town being crack'd thrô the Arch repair'd as per Consultation 9th February.

31. Account of the reason and necessity of pulling down Charles Point which had a bad foundation and crack't from the top to the bottom of the Wall as per Consultation 2d Aprill, have compleated the foundation of a new one in form of a regular bastion, it is laid on wells sunk thrô the oazy ground to the firm sand lower than the lowest water mark of the river, the great drought made the expence less, difference in that Article is 1,000 Pagodas.

32. The Black Merchants have built a bridge by Contribution from the Island to the Road going to Triplicane will be a lasting benefit it employing 6 or 700 men some Months and cost about 1,000 Pagodas.

33. The Charity School will be soon finisht is substantial and an ornament to the place.

34. A considerable Body of the Patans which went to St. Thoma are come back again and a Cowl granted them as per Consultation 23th February.

35. Refer to Consultation 5th May why order'd the keeping the Arrack farm in the Companies hands at St. Davids.

36. Particular statement of the Revenue at Vizagapatam sent from 1707 to 1718 with Mr. Symonds remarks on it, are assured the Facts alledged are true, better to drop some of the small Articles, that on the Lascars Voyages oppressive and hath drove several away, shall not alter them till order'd.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, SOLDIERS, AND THEIR ACCOMPTS.

37. Reason given in Consultation 25th May for admitting Mr. Nathaniel Torriano's son George a Factor to translate English into French and Portuguez, he is also bred to Merchants business and is sober and diligent, Mr. Elwick brought him from China and is his security.

38. Mr. John Turton admitted to Council before the orders came, desire directions whether should take place of Messrs. Benyon and Emmerson, he is appointed Receiver of the Sea Customs.

39. Two Lieutenants and Ensigns Commissions given according to the Certificate of the Secretary Mr. Woolley.

40. Mr. Perry arriv'd and reinstated as order'd.

41. Mr. Cooke and 11 Covenant servants arriv'd from the West Coast were in doubt how to station them, at last agreed it according to their standing in service till have the Companys orders. List enter'd in Consultation 6th July and copy in the Packet No. 13.

42. Lieutenant Gough, Ensign Kennedy and 50 Europeans sent to St. Davids as per Consultations 2d July will reduce that and this Garrison as order'd when can do it safely, but such a reduction will render the Companys possessions precarious, shall send per next ships an account of the several Guards at both places.

43. Mr. Charles Davers reinstated the 10th June on receipt of the Orders for it.

44. Mr. Richard English who arriv'd last year a Writer recommended is under the Essay Master and improves, can read and write the Jentues pray he may be assistant under the Essay Master, necessary to have one capable to succeed to prevent the impositions of the black people.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOMPTS.

45. By the January ships shall send answer to the Accomptants Letter and the books.

46. Were necessitated to trust the Washers about 1,300 Pag^{s}. in the two last years of the famine, rather than raise the old prices for labour which would be difficult to reduce, when plenty hope to get it again in 2 or 3 years.

47. Report of the state of the revenue for 2 last years enter'd in Consultation of the 13th instant, this years customs already more than the whole of last having two ships from China and was one reason for selling the silver at 15 Pagodas when might have got $\frac{1}{8}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ more by retail were thereby enabled to pay off Interest Bonds.

48. Bill drawn for Pag^{s}. 555:20 payable to Henry and Amy James, one for pag^{s}. 12,000 payable to Arthur Beâvis Esq, one for pag^{s}. 477:9. payable to Thomas and John Hollis.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

49. All the Companys servants expell'd by the Mallays from Bencoolen the Buggesses assisting, when things had a better aspect Charges reduced Arrack and Sugar plantations inprov'd Pepper coming in, but the Natives incens'd by the Salt

Affair in Mr. Farmers time would not forget it thô it was remedy'd quarrell between Dupatty Benteering and See Gibb, Benteerings Buffalo's doing damage to See Gibbs plantations and no redress after complaints some of them were kill'd, the Mallays thereupon kill'd one of See Gibbs slaves Benteerings Brother among them was taken, but being willing to favour him and no proof that he kill'd the slave he was releas'd, two Months after Benteering assembled 4 or 500 men in his Town as the China Men advised the Deputy Governor the 23th March, this gave suspicion he design'd a war, on the 27th all the English were oblig'd to quit the shore and go on board the Metchlepatam, for particulars refer to the Letter from Mr Cooke and Council dated at Negapatam 28th June, and to the West Coast Dyarys now sent, all the Buildings at and without Fort Marlbrô burnt, only Treasure Books and some Powder saved, 8 Covenant servants kill'd or drown'd coming off the shore, 14 saved as per List, would have gon to Moco Moco but could not for the wind and Currents and want of water, therefore forced to go to Batavia where met civil entertainment but would give no assistance to relieve Moco Moco nor suffer Mr. Cooke to go with his own ship without taking all his people with him which was not to be don the ship being so small therefore orders were left for the Amelia to go for Moco Moco if she arriv'd in time from Benjar, severall English took passage on the Dutch ships to Negapatam, Mr. Cooke from thence came to Madrass the 5th instant.

50. Judg'd it necessary to send a ship to Moco Moco to support it, having none proper at present intend the Godfrey if she arrives in time or else the King William or Townshend.

51. Messrs. Jennings, Elwick and Horden were as per Consultation 5th March appointed to draw up a charge against Mr. Farmer and Morris from the West Coast books 25th June they deliver'd in their Extracts 2d July the Charge from thence drawn up enter'd in Consultation, 6th July Mr. Morris insisted to have his private papers deliver'd him which was granted but was refused inspecting the Company's books Mr. Farmers answer sent enter'd after Consultation 16th July, rejects their Authority demanding to go to England because dismist the service this deny'd because he was only suspended and that he must first clear his accounts.

52. They don't regard their Authority however shall oblige them to account for the Expences contrary to Orders and keep them at Madrass till are further directed from England.

53. On Mr. Newcomes Petition to be paid for a large Vessell which cost him dollars 1000 and run ashore by the Slaves that were in her when carrying People for Batavia have advanced him the Money but took his obligation to repay all or part as the Company shall order Petition enter'd in Consultation 6th July.

SUPPLEMENT.

54. Will obey all the orders in the Companys Letters and per next answer them Paragraph by paragraph.

55. Expecting the West Coast ships will come to Madrass intend to send a ship with Treasure to the Mallabar Coast for pepper and to carry 50 Europe souldiers and Officers and their Engineer to Bombay.

56. Captain Martin on his Request allow'd to lade 20 Tons of Tootenague under the Queens pallating instead of ballast as per Consultation 14th May.

57. June 28th Pedro Pareira free Merchant dy'd, his effects for reasons mention'd in Consultation the next day lodg'd in the Church Vestrys hands but Mr Long refuses to act.

58. Surgeons Receipts for souldiers head money per King William, Marlbrô, Townshend sent in the Packet.

59. Copy of the Comn. Officers representation of the state of the Garrison on the reduction order'd sent.

60. The Godfrey arriv'd 22th instant with 100 Pipes of Wine from the Madeiras shall send part of it to the Bay and to the Factorys subordinate, when she is unladen will dispatch her with Treasure stores and souldiers to Moco Moco.

61. Vansittart not arriv'd being parted from the Marlbrô and Godfrey in the 2d storm.

62. Have drawn the following Bills of Exchange, for 4000 Pag^{s}. payable to Mr. John Legg for Pag^{s}. 10000 to Arthur Beavis for Pag^{s}. 8300 payable to Mr. Thomas Frederick for Pag^{s}. 300 payable to Mr. William Stevenson for Pag^{s}. 140 payable to Robert Hudson.

63. Mr. George Drakes Covenants sent in the Packet and Register of Dyamonds and Seed Pearl by the Queen Value Pag^{s}. 2145 : 7 : 12.

64. John King and William Staples souldiers sent to St. Helena for crimes.

65. Queens Invoice [Pag^{s}. 70,031 : 35 : 33 her St. Helena Invoice] 361 : 21 : 77. Arrack so dear could send none Duplicate of this Letter and necessary Papers sent per Dartmouth.

P. S.—Captain Martins Register of Goods sent Value Pag^{s}. 7,328.

JOSEPH COLLET.
RAND: FOWKE. WM. JENNINGS.
RICH^{D}: BENYON. NATH: ELWICK.
JOHN EMMERSON. RICH^{D}: HORDEN.
JN^{O}: TURTON. THO: COOKE.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED OCTOBER 10, 1719. Rec^{d}. per Marlborough the 2d May 1720. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 211-226, (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Their last was of the 29th July per Queen and Dartmouth contrary winds detain'd them to the 7th August.

2. Shall now give answer to the Companys 3 Letters by the King William Marlborough and Townshend.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

3. Have answer'd by the Queen the King Williams 2 first Paragraphs.
4. 1st per Marlborough requires no Answer.
5. Glad of the Arrival of the Companys ships.
6. Have advis'd Bengall and Bombay what ships were sending out.
7. Find may keep the King William 2 years in the Countrey if have occasion.
8. Invoices Charterpartys &c^{a}. Papers received.
9. Have wrote to Bengall to send up enô salt petre for the ships.
10. Under the head of West Coast shall answer Par^{a}. 8. per King William.
11. And continue to give advices as directed in Par^{a}. 9.
12. In Par^{a}. 6 per Queen advis'd Captain De la Marveille had treated with the Nabob for a settlement on the Coast on which he went to Cobelon after divers Messages between them the Nabob sent down an Officer with 100 horse and 200 Peons and 5 Guns for Salutes the Captain with 30 Men came ashore and hoisted the Imperiall Ensign on a Sand hill the Moors lin'd out a space of Ground for a City they nam'd Sadatapatam and a place of 200 yards long and 180 broad for a fort for which they expected large Presents being told the ship was ballasted with silver but found he had none and but 26 Bales of Cloth and 1 Chest of Corall at which they were asham'd to break directly but sufferd a Mariner and 4 souldiers to stay ashore till the ship return'd with a Loading of Treasure the French at Pondicherry at first seem'd to oppose him but afterwards let the French Directore Hardencourts widow and Mr. Cupperlie ship themselves and Effects on board for Europe. Captain De la Marveille sail'd last month to Conimere to get freight for Europe.

13. Valore Marr Chittee who had a house in Madrass being found to carry on the treaty between the Nabob and Captain seiz'd and Confiscated his Effects according to the declaration publickly made and the Money paid into Cash as per Consultation 10th Instant hope this will deter others from Venturing, several Particulars about this Affair enter'd in Consultations and Countrey Letters.

14. Letters from Mocha advice Captain Peirson in the Stringer Galley now Prosperous arriv'd there in June and would have a lading of Coffee.

15. Will strictly and zealously observe the secret Committees orders.

16. Glad the Company approve what they did about the Pr. Frederick.

17. The secretary strictly order'd to comply with the directions about Captains register of Goods—that by the Queen was right.

18. The Paymaster order'd to sign each ships Muster roll.

19. Will hereafter put the Tonnage to the List of ships importing at Madrass.

20. Own their mistake in sending the George Brigantine to Bengall and not to St. Davids for Bales.

21. Glad the Company approve their Enquirys about the ship Catherines loss and ships touching at Madrass thô bound to the Bay.

22. Shall answer Par^{a}. 18. per King William under the head of Countrey Government.

23. Report about the Loss on Salt Provisions sent and enter'd in Consultation 1st instant will prevent the like hereafter.

24. Have advised of the Arrival of some of the ships mention'd to be sent out Pr. Frederick got to Ballasore 6th July.

25. Have no news of the Vansittart.

26. Of the £70,000 order'd to be sent to the Bay have per King William sent 30 Chests rupees besides Lead Tin and Lump Glass shall send the rest when the Vansittart arrives and have order'd to take it out if she arrives first there.

27. Have advis'd the Bay to lay in a ship for Surat or Persia in case both Places can't despatch all and what Tonnage will be ready at the Fort the Droughth and sickness has hinder'd them of five hundred Bales.

28. Thankfull for the Orders to the Bay to let Madrass have a share in the freight Voyages.

29. Will observe the Orders about the Vansittarts sloop when she arrives.

30. Don't know of any People at Madrass corresponding with Mr. Johnson the President declares he endeavour'd to hinder all assistance.

31. Part of the Madeira Wine sent to the Bay and subordinate settlements.

32. When order'd the Goods to be sold received from the Bay for the West Coast found by Account of Remains there were enô there on hand.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT & RECEIVED.

33. Have received the King Williams Cargo as Invoiced, the Musquets and Byonets are good, difficult to dispose of her Woollen Goods thô the quantity less than expected, Inland trade at a stop by the famine and Countrey Disturbances, Merchants have above 200 Bales of last years Cloth by them and hardly prevail'd on to take this years at 30 per cent and 50 Bales Yellow and 10 of blew Cloth remains of the last years desire no Yellow or blew Cloth till wrote for. Ordinary reds and greens are what demanded and Auroras which answers in stead of scarlets a little fine scarlet necessary for Presents perpets not at all acceptable, Woollen Godown near clear'd no hopes to advance the Price till plenty returns.

34. Bencoolen coles good but not so strong as Newcastle for the forge.

35. Have found no deficiency in weight of metals since received Beams scales and weights.

36. Did best they could in Sale of the Marlbro's Tootenague Quicksilver and Vermillion, these Goods when the Dartmouth Arriv'd were in demand especially Tootenague for the Bay but the Town was full when the Marlbrô arriv'd supply'd by a ship from Maccao and Tootenague sold at 23 Pag^{s}. per Candy Retail, the Bay Letters desired to have none being glutted believe the Marlbrôs Metalls would not have sold so well by Outcry thô some of the Tootenague sold well in the Bay yet as much and all the Quicksilver &c^{a}. lay 18. months at Surat and then sold at prime cost, however shall hereafter sell all by Outcry and not by Private Contract except where impracticable as in Woollen Goods could not sell 50 Bales at Prime Cost being greatly in debt were forced to sell off the Marlbrôs Metalls to clear it according to promise or else could not preserve their Credit.

37. The Lead sold at 7 Pag^{s}. a Candy was the full Market price will as order'd send what received to the Bay keeping what necessary for the Mint and a small quantity which may go off higher, selling the green Broadcloth at 20 per Cent was because wanted money and the Merchants would take no more shall not send any more abroad or sell at a lower price than the Merchants give.

38. Have been careful to dispose of Remains in Warehouse when in danger of dammaging.

39. Shall answer the Par^{a}. about Europe Liquors afterwards.

40. The Wax stollen was kept in the usual place it had been time out of mind is now better secured, Centinels placed at the Godowns where necessary.

41. Have answer'd before Par^{a}. 16. per Marlborough.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS OF GOODS PROPER FOR EUROPE.

42. Will comply with the List of Goods to be provided as near as possible.

43. Wonder should be blam'd for sending so many Bettellees more than order'd thought it would be an acceptable service are sorry to be so unkindly reflected on, have in this years Contract stopt bringing in more except the fine Bettellees, Order'd.

44. High Price of Cotton hinder'd the getting an abatement on the new Contract.

45. Glad the Company approve their inspecting the Merchants and St. Davids Cloth brought in have done it ever since will do it hereafter more frequently.

46. Never bought Petre or Gunnys on the Companys account but when necessitated, wanted supplys from the Bay thô often wrote for them as the Letters of last year show have wrote again this, hope will comply.

47. Mr. Symonds Chief of Vizagapatam now here says did their utmost endeavours to recover the Bales lost in the Madapollam the Currents prevented them and fear'd the Charge would be great and fruitless for out of 5 Bales sav'd only 12. Cargo prov'd fitt to be repackt, the residue so mildew'd and rotten not worth bringing to account fitt only for Cartridges Cleaning Arms Coverings for Lodging rooms &c^{a}. the ship was drove ashore on a hard sandy bar before the Mouth of the river where was such a rapid Current that in half an hour not a stick of her was to be seen.

48. Will follow orders about the shellack if send any more.

49. Will take care the Armenians when they enter any more Garnats shall give the Value on Oath.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL & THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

50. Are surpriz'd should be censured for Compromising the differences between the Quomity and Chitty casts. The Chittys not medling with Trade was not from Oppression, but because they could not prevail to hinder the Quomittees saying their Negarrum before the Pillary Pagodo who ever knows their Tenaciousness of their Ceremonys would have known this to be the reason. Time has worn off this Chagrine The Chittees trade as freely and keep their Weddings &c^{a}. as publickly as any other Cast.

51. Priviledge granted Sunca Ramah recall'd also Narrans granted in Governor Pitts time.

52. There is no truth in the Rumour of some of the Companys servants being debarr'd liberty of Trade, Trade endeavour'd to be extended as far as possible and all who desire it partake thereof Challenge any to produce an instance to the Contrary, sea Customers account of the state of the Customs sent about lowering the sea Customs, the increase of this year arises from the two China ships, The famine if another year will hurt that and all the Revenues.

53. Have divided the Atcheens ships produce among the sufferers desire directions about the China junks produce.

54. To the 3 par^{as}. about Dieu Island have fully answer'd by the Queen and in Consultations referred to Mauberize Caun would not engage in a Treaty till he knew what he was to have and knowing what the Company would think extravagant he would reject dropt the Treaty.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING BUILDINGS FORTIFICATIONS & REVENUES.

55. Reason for not answering the par^{as}. about the Church stock was did not understand them nor do now, suppose formerly some disputes had been about its management but as there has been none in their time, did not think fitt to enquire of what before, It seems now to be well mannaged, do yearly inspect their books at a Publick Vestry.

56. Have frequently order'd the Minister to draw out a Regular Catalogue of the Library but it is not don and believe not intended—Can do no more.

57. The facts approv'd in Par^{a}. 50 were really as they appear'd.

58. Advis'd last year the Inner Fort was finisht, Warehouses and Charles's Bastion now building hope will be compleated, this season will engage in nothing further without an absolute necessity as there was for these. Extraordinary charges Anno 1717 arose from extraordinary Circumstances such as, The Presidents Journey to St. Davids, Receipt of the Phirmaund, Entertaining the Gurzburdar, Taking possession of the Villages, War with the Moors, Encrease of the Garrison against the Countrey Government, with whom had not a settled peace till the next year, are now retrenching the Charges as fast as safely can by reducing the Military and Gunroom which had been kept full, expecting Orders about Dieu Island, would be most dangerous to reduce this and St. Davids Garison as limited considering the present state of the Countrey Government in the supplement

59. Have restrain'd the Vizagapatam buildings to what absolutely necessary, timber sent last year to complete the same taken ashore, in the Bay more sent since and now all near finisht.

60. When Mr. Way recovers his health shall send him &c^{a}. to survey St. Davids Buildings.

61. Wall at St. Davids and some stables were agreed to be built when the President was there thô omitted in Consultation, but he does not remember for what No. of horses.

62. When have orders to proceed about Dieu will give full orders about the buildings.

63. Toddy Farm being found a Grievance last year gave it up hope the method of raising money for building the Choultreys is pleasing, it was contriv'd and paid in in 2 months by a very moderate tax on the rich and none on the poor. It pleas'd all hope it will be continued in extraordinary charges for the future.

64. Shall send a List of the foregoing years Revenues by the January shipping when the Consultations don't come on the same ship.

65. Do carefully collect the Revenues when due except where necessary to delay as in the case of Renting Egmore &c^{a}. Villages occasion'd by a dispute between the Renters and Inhabitants arising in May, which the President at last decided in December.

66. Did as they thought for the best in letting the 5 villages to the Chittys their Title was disputed by arms and since contested by the Nabob, don't know to whom the letting it was a Job.

67. Last year sent a description of the Choultrys Account of their Charge and the Peoples paying it by a tax.

68. When are order'd to proceed about Dieu will observe what wrote in Paragraph 61.

69. Have order'd the Rules setled at St. Davids for better Governing the Natives to be yearly publisht at the best season. Dr. Jolly 2 years since left St. Davids and went to Ponticherry don't know now where he is.

70. Have given notice to the Gentue Merchants at Codolore and Porto Novo of the Companys favours intended them, it may have a good effect but not while the famine lasts.

71. Most of the Patans prevail'd on to leave St. Thoma and return to Madrass, factions among them have prevented the rest, fear Delell Caun head of the Moormen has influenct them but can't be sure.

72. Mr. Benyons mistake about the produce of toddy from the Palmera trees arose for want of considering it would spoil their being a fence Regulations of the Revenue &c^{a}. at St. Davids are according to the Companys orders, forced to keep the Arrack Farm in the Companys hands because of the famine.

73. Propose to plant Palmera and Coconut trees in the St. Davids bounds where proper and not rented.

74. Sea and Land Custom ballances clear'd yearly.

75. Do all they can to prevent corrupting their Coyn, 2 Moor Men in Custody for bringing in brass Pag^{s}. and Lead fanams, not convenient to punish them so publickly as if Gentues.

76. The Town Conicoply duty consists of a Dooda or ten cash on every Pagoda value of Goods imported by the Gentues or Moors exclusive of Europeans and Armenians. Originally the Town Conicoply had it who kept a Register of all Importations, but about the year 1692 was added to the Companys Revenues and the Town Conicoply had 100 Pag^{s}. a year sallary out of it, will pay that duty into Cash after the Charge of Hospitall is defray'd thô it seems contrary to the Charter, as to spending the Town Cash in feasts know nothing of it nor has it been don for Several years past, nor any Misapplications of money due to the Mayors Court nor any small dutys formerly paid to the Church disused what arises from Mussoolas going to or from ships on Sundays is taken yearly by the Churchwardens out of the Box the sea Customer puts it into.

77. Sorry should be censur'd for not having a sufficient store of Rice before the famine, when Mr. Collet came to the Presidency had no store of Rice thô then great plenty, because the Inner Fort was not built and had no storehouses for Grain and were greatly in debt, when the next supply came it was too late, if had had Godowns the Grain Merchants would sell at no rate, till the President prevail'd at last to sell at advanced prizes then wrote to all parts and encourag'd the black Merchants to import all they could had not 3 months stores in all the Town, by their Vigilance to get in supplys have kept the people alive but fear another years famine.

78. The President in answer to the scurrilous libell under a fictitious name says it is false and when the Author discovers himself will give it the answer it deserves, sorry the Company should Countenance it so far as to send its Copy.

Sixthly touching Factors, Writers, Officers, Soldiers, & their Accompts.

79. The expence Anno 1717 is own'd to be much higher than usuall, hoped the Occasions mention'd in Consultation would be consider'd particularly the 17th September, did not observe the extravagancy in the Burton Ale, President supposes he allows as much Liquors at his own expence as his Predecessors at their Table,

which much exceeds his sallary, wll follow Orders and buy no more Europe Liquors nor Persia Wine except at Gombroon price, which is a Prohibition for none will sell so.

80. President necessitated to have a great Retinue to Fort St. Davids and always customary for the Paymaster to defray the travelling charges of all, so that can't see the extravagancy of it, Expence on proclaiming the Phirmaund occasion'd by entertaining above 400 Moor men were 2 days taking possession of the Villages, reason for giving the Gratuity to the souldiers was to encourage them in future in case of more attacks which were fear'd, will avoid the like expences in future as much as possible since disliked.

81. The Preparations for Dieu at a stand and if not order'd to proceed will dispose of what is on hand.

82. The Topasses pay reduced since disallow the advance.

83. Hope the drawing out the Lists will be as order'd.

84. Will add the Consultation orders about the severall Persons Employments when the shipping is gon to the Companys orders, many of the covenant servants so sickly can't do it now.

85. Mr. Holmes was entertain'd surgeon for St. Davids before Mr. Wyche arriv'd.

86. Observe the dismission of several Persons approv'd, Mr. Wilford suspended at his desire gon to the Bay Mr. Davers is reinstated.

87. Don't understand it as a Reflection on them to appoint Inspectors at the General table it being of many years practice when any dy others appointed sometimes it is convenient to review and see the number.

88. Mr. Draper thankfull for the notice of him he is secretary and hopes to give satisfaction.

89. Will comply with the orders not to allow 100 Pag^{s}. a year to the sub accomptant.

90. Have enquired but can't find out the mistake of the Bale of Cloth Invoiced Popinjay and supposed to be Aurora because that and many other Bales were sent unopened to Arcot and there distributed to several markets.

91. Mr. Elias Bates has 13 Pag^{s}. a month as 2d Gunner have no present occasion for him, shall send him on the Townshend to Bombay to be return'd again if wanted.

92. Very Glad sent less Cloth than wrote for Can't sell any Crimsons Skys Mazarine blew Violet or Wine Coloured Cloth except only to the English for their wear.

93. The 700 oz. silver sent to Mr. Leigh (he being dead) sold for Pagodas 533 : 32 : 57. which is paid into Cash as per Consultation 21st September.

94. Mr. John Perry dy'd the 22th September Mr. Bulkley refusing to act as Executor, Paymaster and Mr. Fowke appointed to take care of his Effects.

95. Mr. Tourton admitted youngest of Council desire direction in what wrote by the Queen about him.

96. Lieutenants Gough and Ogden Ensigns Nangle and Brewster arriv'd. Lieutenant Gough Ensign Kennedy and Ensign Brewster sent to St. Davids to supply the Vacancys of Lieutenant Hugonin and Ensigns Ittern and Cogran deceased. 100 Europeans sent thither for Recruits the Garrison having but few white men, Topasses to be gradually disbanded to reduce the whole to 340 as orderd which are not sufficient to make it safe nor 360, and the Gunroom Crew for Fort St. George thô mostly Europeans. The Countrey all in Confusion 2 Contenders for the Empire each with 100,000 horse. Abdul Nabbe Caun Nabob of Corrapa is designing to attack Nabob Saddatulla Caun, all Passengers in the Countrey plunder'd, Commerce at a full stand, think the Company would not have their Garrisons reduced as ordered have disbanded many Topasses as per enclosed State of the Garrison, an Ensign and 20 souldiers sent to the West Coast, great Mortality among the new Military can only

send 20 instead of 50 intended for Bombay, gave a true reason why had 3 Companys they have but a due proportion of Sargeants and Corporals—will not multiply Commission Officers, number appointed for both Garrisons are not sufficient for daily guards in peace, and can't be reliev'd in Action nor any sent without their works many always in the Hospital some dying 70 or 80 now there, can't hire Portugeez or Topasses on a sudden occasion and must have time to be disciplin'd. Officers representation of the state of the Garrison sent per Queen pray it may be consider'd as it is faithfully represented have reduced the Gunroom Crew and order'd St. Davids to do the like.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

97. What orders receiv'd under this head don't as yet require a particular answer, have advis'd of the English expulsion from Bencoolen, Godfrey sent to Moco Moco with 20 souldiers Treasure stores and goods the 27th August, have via Bengall Letters from Mr. Ballett and Council at Moco Moco of the 4th June last as per Copy no. 87 enter'd, hoped to preserve that place till reliev'd, Sultan Cutcheel steady to them wanted every thing but Rice, their fortifications finisht except an house for the Chief have possession of Bentall and some Buggesses at Catown, only 2 or 3 small frontiers inland in Guillamots possession with supplys can soon drive him thence, think they may secure the pepper trade of Bencoolen from thence, shall send the Brigantine or Young Derby to relieve the Godfrey will not attempt to resettle Bencoolen till order'd only support Moco Moco fear the factions among the Mallays may destroy the Pepper Plantations, will send the Companys Orders about the West Coast to Moco Moco.

98. Advice of the War with Spain made them sell off their ship and Cargo for Manilla to the Portugeez and Armenians, are in pain for two ships gone thither from the Bay.

99. Glad to hear Mr. Wendey is coming out Chaplain.

100. Glad to hear of the St. Georges and Cambridges Arrival.

101. Will endeavour to follow orders about the size of Papers in the Packets are in great want of stationary ware.

102. Have already advis'd Townshends arrival.

103. Have sent to the Bay the Lead Tin and Lump Glass and the orders per Townshend thereupon, lost 3 barrells of the Tin by the slightness of the Cask, desire to send it in stronger or in Chests.

104. Troubles in the Countrey hinder their sending so many souldiers to Bombay as design'd, John Smith discharg'd as order'd.

105. Mr. Faucet unfit for any Employment being indeed Lunatick they don't hinder him from recovering his effects at Ingeram or elsewhere, he was return'd from St. Davids because he went thither without leave, if he is put into any station hope nobody else may be accountable for his mannagement.

106. Will follow orders for planting Coconuts on Dieu when have opportunity.

107. Mr. Drakes Covenants and Bonds sent per Queen.

108. Mr. Synnock has paid into Cash Pag^{s}. 44 : 16. for being discharg'd the Military shall be taken off the List of Covenant servants but can't spare him from the Accomptants Office till Mr. Hubbard returns, none can take charge of the books.

109. Will send Captain James Johnson to Bombay, don't find he is a Mathematician or fit to be Engineer he may understand something of fireworks.

110. Have wrote to Bengall to send up the small Iron Guns and how they use the Chalk and Flint stones.

111. Will draw out List of Stores as order'd, will return useless Iron Stores when can do it freight free.

112. All the Par^{as}. relating to the Bay sent thither.

113. Lieutenant Douglass did not proceed for India. Lieutenant Ogden and Ensign Brewster employ'd.

114. The Townshends pickles spoil'd as per Consultation 27th August however will buy no more.

115. Doctors answer to the remarks about Physick to be made up in India believe the Medicines will cost double and not prove so good.

116. Mr. Houghton went to England on the Derby.

117. According to the Instructions in the Secretarys letter 12th November 1718, will Caution all the Europe and Countrey ships against Spanish Privateers.

SUPPLEMENT.

118. August 8th the King William brought 777 Bales of Callicoes from St. Davids was then reladen with Treasure Stores and Goods for Bengall, but the Bouverie arriving the 16th from Persia they design'd to lade her home and order'd the freight goods to be put aboard the King William for Bengall, the Captain in answer reply'd he fear'd his ship was not fit to take in her Lading, on a Survey it was found so, and the ship protested against and permitted to go to the Bay, as per Consultations 17th 20th 24th and 27th August.

119. August 18th the Metchlepatam sail'd for the Bay with Goods and to touch at Vizagapatam to put on shore Mr. Symonds Chief and Treasure.

120. Godfrey sail'd for Moco Moco 27th August with supplys of Military Treasure Stores &c^{a}. and the Marlbrô for St. Davids for Bales.

121. September 1st the King William sail'd for the Bay and the Bouverie the 11th, the 22th Marlbrô brought from St. Davids 495 Bales.

122. Letters from Bombay advise the Fordwich arriv'd the 15th or 16th August the 18th the Ostend ship Prince Eugene one Clark Commander arriv'd Surat with a Lack of rupees Stock design'd to stay there 20 days to buy P^{s}. Goods and to fill up on the Coast with Pepper for Europe understand another ship is expected with Persons to settle ashore.

123. Monsieur De la Marveille took in freight and Passengers from Pondicherry and some goods provided for him at Porto Novo then went for Tranquebar and it is said is design'd for Madagascar has left a Person of figure and 4 souldiers at Cobelon in a sort of factory, the Nabob has almost finisht his Fort there built of Stones only laid in Mud.

124. A Bag markt R. in Chest No. 486 per Townshend said to contain 110 oz. 15 dw. weigh'd but oz. 106: 15 as per Consultation 29th July.

125. Valoor Marr Chitty being found to be Chief in mannaging the Treaty between Monsieur De la Marveille and the Nabob and Ducknaroy and undertaking to get him Goods and take off his Cargo, have according to their declaration seiz'd his houses and effects in Madrass as per Consultation 27th August and sold them will pay the produce into Cash as receiv'd being 15 to 1600 Pag^{a}. have seiz'd Pera Moota Carpenters 2 houses for working at Cobelon and sold them for 40 Pagodas, hope this will deter others medling, 2 or 3 more ships are expected next year on the Coast will do all they can to defeat them but if they bring Treasure enô fear the Dutch and they shall not be able to do it.

126. Have divided the produce of the Acheen ship among the sufferers concern'd in the Messiah as per Consultation 14th and 28th September.

127. Mr. Math. Weld dy'd 13th August Mr. Berlu takes charge of Warehouse at St. Davids, John Sanderson made youngest of Council there.

128. Henry Lambton from the West Coast dy'd 8th August, the 24th his Will prov'd Mr. Everest sole Executor.

129. Mr. Holmes surgeon at St. Davids dy'd there in September Mr. Wyche to succeed him.

130. Mr. Cornelius Moll 2d at Vizagapatam dy'd 10th August have order'd his effects to be paid into Cash the Executors refusing to act.

131. September 21th Ensign Clark broke for being often drunk on his guard, Sarg^{t}. Rush made Ensign in his stead having no supernumerary Commission officers.

132. Mr. John Perry dy'd 22th September Mr. Bulkley refusing to act as Executor the Paymaster and Mr. Fowke order'd to take care of his Effects and pay it into Cash, Marcus Moses demanded a Bond of £37.–.2 principall due from Mr. Perry there being 3 of a sort and one sent to England if it has not been paid he desires to attach it in Fort St. George.

133. August 6th in Consultation order'd the effects of Persons deceased on the West Coast to be sold and produce paid into Cash, in examining the West Coast affairs found an ill practice begun in Mr. Farmers time none of Messrs. Shyllinges and Garretts Goods sold at Outcry Anno 1717, had been paid into Cash, same continued as to Messrs. Farmers Ellils and Morris's outcrys, Mr. Palmer, the secretary who made them, did deliver in the Accounts but said he was not able to pay in all the money on this secured his effects he dy'd the 28th August there will be a deficiency, which shall state and send per next, he said he had some estate in his fathers hands enô to make all good, refer to Consultations 14th 20th 27th and 31th August.

134. Desire the Companys direction on Stephen Whites Petition deliver'd in 31st August about the ballance of his Account for providing Materialls on the West Coast Which he was Obliged to deliver out money for before hand and expected the Companys Protection.

135. Messrs. Farmers and Morris's accounts deliver'd in by the Accomptant the 5th instant they have them to sign or object to, if can be got ready shall send them.

136. August 11th try'd Roger Bullmore for Piracy in running away with the George Brigantine, was convicted and on the 19th executed, an account of his Tryall sent also another to the Admiralty.

137. In August Latchma Narran try'd for murdering his wife, convicted and executed, necessary to put a stop to this so frequent a crime among the Jentues.

138. Thô the advices from Agra and Delhi do contradict one another it is certain 2 Competitors for the Crown are in Arms don't hear of a decisive battle but the Countrey is in Confusion, Commerce at a stand Abdul Nabbe Caun Nabob of Corrapa is providing to attack Nabob Saddatulla Caun who has left Arcot is gon to Chirtanopely, has not force to resist Abdul Nabee who designs to Conquer this Countrey, will take care not to be surpriz'd and if attackt to defend themselves, famine and want of water greatest difficulty the water corrupted forced to seek out new Wells for Garrison use.

139. The Townshend dispatching with 20,000 Pag^{s}. to Callicut for Pepper and to go to Bombay with 20 souldiers and Lieutenant Ogden Engineer Johnson and Gunner Bates, dare not send more because many dy, had the Vansittart arriv'd would have sent fifty.

140. Desire the summes of Pag^{s}. 147:5:65 and Pag^{s}. 121:6 paid into Cash on account of Rich^{d}. Smith of Vizagapatam deceased may be paid his Relations.

141. Have drawn the following Bills on the Company for Pagodas 5,000 payable to Mr. Thomas Frederick, for Pag^{s}. 1,500 payable to Mr. John Legg, for Pag^{s}. 222:34:12 payable to Mr. Robert Michell for Pag^{s}. 4,500 payable to Arthur Beavis Esq.

142. Fort St. Davids Report of the Military Gunroom Crew and disabled Men with their present pay sent.

143. Mr. Samuell Synnock sub Accomptant dy'd the 8th Mr. Thomas Frederick sole Executor Messrs. Long and Robson Trustees his Will prov'd in Consultation this day.

144. Register of Dyamonds Pag^{s}. 301:26 of the Captains Private Trade Pag^{s}. 6,927. Marlboroughs Invoice for St. Helena Pag 354 : 5^{f} : for Europe Pagodas 99,269:32:69.

RAND : FOWKE JOSEPH COLLET.
RICH^{D} : BENYON. W^{M}. JENNINGS.
JOHN EMMERSON. N. ELWICK.
JN^{O}. TURTON. RICH^{D}. HORDEN.
THO : COOKE.

P.S.—Messrs. Farmers and Morris's Account with the Vouchers sent—They will neither sign nor object to any Articles desire directions about them.

Captain Micklefields reason for bringing home a parcell of Tea submitted to the Company. Surgeons answer to Mr. Ellis's Report about the Medicines will be sent per next.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 16, 1720. Received per King William the 16th August 1720, Duplicate per Amelia. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 226-229 (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Their last was of the 10th October 1719 per Marlborough, she sail'd the 13th.

2. George Brigantine with Bales Arriv'd from Vizagapatam the 16th October, the 17th the Townshend sail'd for Callicut and Bombay with 20,000 Pag^{s}. Stock for a Pepper Lading the George Brigantine dispatcht for the West Coast 11th November with Wares and Stores to relieve the Godfrey that she may be laden home from Madrass, Princess Amelia from Benjar Arriv'd the 25th November Messrs. Hubbard and Irving supra Cargos all their stock laid out to Purchase 231 Tons Pepper, could not get it under 5 dollars a pecull the Pepper ungarbled for want of proper materialls the Captain would have garbled it at Madrass but found it would be too chargeable and lyable to Embezzlements therefore resolv'd to fill her up with Bales as per Consultations 26th and 30th November 3d 7th and 14th December.

3. Young Derby from Bengall arriv'd 26th December laden with Stores and Rice and the 1st Instant the King William with do. and 300 Bales for London.

4. Amelias Men being sickly and wanting refreshment and her upper works Caulking, and the War with Spain continuing thought best to dispatch her with the King William and to keep company to the Cape to get advice have dispatcht the Unlading and relading the King William with expedition.

5. Seven hundred seventy eight Bales laden on the King William 426 D^{o} on the Amelia which with Marlbrôs and Queens make 4225. shall have 1200 Bales for the Dawson this month and 12 to 1500 Bales for the Vansittart, but hear the Hanover advis'd she was lost at the Isle of May, had this been known sooner would have dispatcht the Townshend.

6. General Books and Dyarys &c^{a} sent on the King William as per List of the Packet.

7. Countrey Government still in confusion Reports so various can't depend on any of them, the subahs all about arming but the design of it not known, the present King Mahmud Shaw is the 4th since Furrick Seer was murder'd.

8. Mr. Ways Report of the Survey of the New Fortifications and Buildings at St. Davids and Coddolore enter'd the 30th November the work substantially perform'd and by the Account of Expence don with great frugality.

9. Have with difficulty got Grain to subsist them but could not fall the price, till the last ships arriv'd from Bengall Ordinary Rice now abou[t] 60 Pag^{s}. a Garse the fine dearer have not had rains enô to produce a good Crop part of what sown in the bounds wither'd away if rain be not plentifull in Aprill the famine must continue.

10. Have permitted Mr. Fran^{s}. Everest and Rich^{d}. Spence to go home—the reason, desire they may return in the Companys service Messrs. Hugh Norris Elihu Trenchfield Charles Boddam and William Redshaw Free Merchants also go home.

11. President Collet being much indispos'd last season of the Landwinds returns to England on the King William, on his declaring he would go home Mr. Hastings sent for from St. Davids and Mr. Jennings sent to succeed him there, Mr. Hastings to take the Chair on the Presidents departure—other stations settled the 15th October in Consultation.

12. 10th Instant arriv'd Overland from Sadrass the Rev^{d}. Mr. Wendey with Mr. Michell and Mr. Crawford who were put ashore there out of the Danes ship who brought them from the Vansittarts wreck, on which perusing the Companys orders directing when there are two ministers one should go to St. Davids, Mr. Long was acquainted the Council order'd him to prepare to go to Fort St. Davids which he peremptorily refusing he was thereupon suspended the Companys service.

13. This agreeable to the Companys orders (in Par^{a}. 142 of Letter the 2d February 1712).

14. Following Bills drawn for Monys paid into the Companys Cash Viz^{t}. for Pa. fa. 111 :4 : payable to Elihu Trenchfield for Pag^{s}. 4,000 payable to Mr. Thomas Frederick for 400 Pag^{s}. payable to Mr. William Stephenson for Pag^{s} 1,685:30:20. to Richard Mead Jun^{r}. for Pag^{s}. 400 payable to Mr. Henry Hoar for Pag^{s}. 2000 payable to Mr. John Legg for Pag^{s}. 800 payable to Captain John Irving for Pag^{s}. 888:32—payable to Edward Harrison Esq^{r}. for Pag^{s}. 777:28—payable to the Rev^{d}. Mr. Lewis Dr Landon and Mr. Wendey.

15. King Williams Invoice Pagodas 140,604:23:37, the Amelias Pag^{s}. 34,258: 12:69.

16. Captain Winters Register of Goods sent from the Bay.

17. Captain Misenors comes to Pag^{s}. 2119.

18. Doctors Answer to the Committees Letter about Medicines is in the Packet.

19. Also the Answer to the Accomptants Letter.

20. Copy of the Letter from Mr. Pyke 2d of Bencoolen and Mr. Caulier of Council dated the 21th October at Batavia and received from Mallacca now sent.

21. No Goods sent to St. Helena by these ships because the King William has a supply from the Bay.

22. Duplicate of this sent by the Amelia.

JOSEPH COLLET.
FRA : HASTINGS.
N. ELWICK.
RICH^{D}. HORDEN
THO : COOKE.
RAND : FOWKE.
RICH^{D}. BENYON.
JOHN EMMERSON.
JN^{O} TURTON.

P.S.—List of Woollen Goods &c^{a}. not now sent the Merchants being unwilling to take off above 250 Bales whereas used to take 500 hope to prevail before the Dawsonne sails and to send the List.

Bill for Pag^{s}. 4322:26:10. drawn payable to Mrs. Benyon Tho. Pitt and Edward Harrison Esq^{rs}. another for Pag^{s}. 222:8. payable to Joseph Collet Esq^{r}. six Bales of Longcloth ord^{ry}. and 4 Bales sallampores Ord^{ry}. neither Conjeed or beaten sent on the King William to see how they will be approv'd.

P.S.—Bill drawn for Pag^{s}. 111:4. payable to Elihu Trenchfield.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL * LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 16, 1720. Received per Dawsonne the 25th August 1720. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 247–248 (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Their last was of the 16th January by the King William on whom President Collet embark'd she and the Amelia sail'd the 18th. Mr. Hastings succeeded President Collett, hopes to act to the Companys satisfaction.

2. Dawsonne arriv'd from the Bay the 22th January sent to fill up at St. Davids, hearing she will be ready to sail by the 20th her despatches are sent ready to her.

3. Refer to Consultation 21th January about the Claim of Precedency between L^ts^. Gough and Sutherland, pray directions whether a Lieutenant Certificate for a Commission doth not make him a L^t^. from its date and is not to be reckon'd antecedent to any Com^ns^. given a New Officer after his Arrival in the Interim have agreed to give L^t^. Gough a Com^n^. for the 2d Company and L^t^. Sutherland to have the 3d Company and Lieut. Orrill to have the 1st Company at St. Davids, Lieut. Gough arriv'd 10th June last and his Pay begun but had not his Com^n^. till the 2d July when L^t^. Sutherland had his thô dated 4 days before yet had not L^ts^. pay till 3 weeks after Lieut Gough.

4. Mr. Thomas Jenkinson a Covenant Servant being lately distracted and thought past recovery, appointed Messrs. Cooke, Fowke and the Secretary to mannage his affairs, hope the Company will approve this Conduct he seems in a fair way of Recovery, Mr. Henry Davy acts in his Office Writer at the sea gate he is very sober and diligent.

5. Mr. Thomas Wilford formerly suspended on his Pet^n^. reinstated the 25th January being very indigent.

6. Refer to Consultation of the 12th Instant for the reasons for drawing out a New Contract so soon, and the reasons given against it by 4 of the Councill contrary to the Opinion of those longer acquainted with the Companys Affairs the Presidents decisive Vote carry'd it, have contracted for 2000 Bales to be brought in by the last of December and shall order 2400 Bales to be provided at St. Davids and 600 at Vizagapatam.

7. Bills drawn on the Company for Moneys received into Cash since the King Williams dispatch viz^t^. for Pag^s^ 300 payable to Peter and James Theobald for Pag^s^ 46 payable to Roderick Price for Pag^s^. 111 : 8. payable to Mr. Th. Frederick for Pag^s^ 655 : 25 payable to Mr. George Lewis and Mrs. Anne Wigmore for Pag^s^ 500 payable to Benjamin Turton, for Pag^s^ 2000 payable to John Freeman Esq^r^ for pagodas 1000 payable to Nathaniell Turner for Pag^s^ 658 : 15 : 66 payable to Mrs. Grace Benyon Thomas Pitt and Edward Harrison Esq^rs^ for Pag^s^ 200 payable to Mr. Henry Frankland for Pag^s^ 82 : 8 :—payable to William Lea for Pag^s^ 1200 payable to Mrs. Anne Horden and Alex^a^ Bennett.

8. Mr. Jennings prays leave to prosecute Mr. Richardson for Pag^s^ 59 : 4 :—trusted him which Mr. Jennings paid into the Company of his own money as per Consultation 9th November upon the security Mr. Richardson gave the Company.

9. Copy of Mr. Cornelius Molls Will sent—what Rupees and Pag^s^ received some more standing out.

10. List of 500 Bales of Goods wanted from England sent—the Merchants deliver'd it in, List of Remains and Demands also sent.

11. Captain Benfeild of the Dawsonne Register of Goods sent from the Bay.

12. At Mr. Thomas Jenkinsons request have not let his Effects be put up to sale.

* Original letter in the volume in this office on pages 1 to 5 is in a damaged condition.

13. Invoice of the Dawsonnes 600 Bales laden at Madrass Pag^{s} 35,382 : 24 : it will be annex'd to what further shall be laden at St. Davids.

Rand : Fowke.	Fra : Hastings.
Rich^{d}. Benyon.	N. Elwick.
John Emmerson.	Rich^{d}. Horden.
Jn^{o}. Turton.	Tho. Cooke.

Letter to Captain Richard Benfeild, dated February 20, 1720. [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, pages 5–6.*]

To Cap^{t}. Rich^{d}. Benfeild,
Commander of the Dawsonne.

S^{R}.

Your Ship being fully laden you are hereby order'd to repair on board her to set sail & make the best of your way for the Port of London where when you arrive you are to deliver [o]ur Pacquet (deliverd you in a Box as directed) to the Hon^{ble} [the] Court of Directors for affairs of [y^{e} Hon^{ble}]United Comp[any of Merch^{ts}] of England [Trading to the East] Ind[ies] [*a few lines lost*] you open Chappel Valley near Mundens Point where you must send on shore to give y^{e} Gov^{r} intelligence who y^{e} are & whence you come because he has orders to fire at any strange Ship that endeavours to pass that Point, before he knows who and whence they are ; & it's uncertain whither those Orders are as yet Countermanded.

We enjoyn you to avoid all ships at Sea if possible unless y^{e} have signalls concerted for y^{r} mutual security for fear of Pirates & other unforeseen dangers.

Its the Desire of Our Hon^{ble} Masters if y^{e} touch at the Cape y^{e} will endeavour to procure such seeds & plants as are proper for the soil & Climate of S^{t} Helena, & carry them to the Gov & Council, who will readily reimburse y^{e} the charges. This is a great peice of service to the Publick, and therefore we doubt not but y^{e} will have it in mind.

We enjoyn you to keep a good look out when you come near the Channel of England to trust no Coulours and to stay as little while in the Downs as possible, least there may be danger from some Rovers under Sweedish Commission and Coulours as also from the Spaniards, who are at Variance wth us & have begun to take our Ships. We wish you a prosperous Voyage & Date these in Fort S^{t} George this 20th Day of Februa^{y} 1719/20.

Fran^{cs}. Hastings.
Nath^{ll}. Elwick.
Rich^{d}. Horden.
Thom^{s}. Cooke.
Rand^{l}. Fowke.
Rich^{d}. Benyon.
Jn^{o}. Emmerson.
Jn^{o}. Turton.

List of the Pacquet to Great Britain p^{r} Ship Dawsonne.

[1] [G]en^{ll}. Lett^{r} by [. . .] 16 Feb. 1719/20.
[2] [. . .] of Ship Dawsonne.
[3] [. . .] his effects.

[*four lines lost*]

8. Copy of M^{r}. Cornelius Molls last Will & Testam^{t} wth its Pro[logue].

9. Fort S^{t}. George Cash Acco^{t} Anno 1719.

10. Fort S^{t}. George Diary & Consultations commencing Jan [11th] 1719/20 ending Feb^{y} y^{e} 12 1719/20.

11. Fort S^{t}. George letters sent commenc^{s} Jan^{y} 19 1719/20 end^{s} Feb. 7 1719[/20].

12. Fort St. George letters receed commenc^{s} Dec^{r} 15 1719 end^{s} Feb. 8 1719/20.

13. Cap^{t} James Winters Recp^{t} for y^{e} Pacq^{t} ℔ King William.

14. Cap^{t}. Jn^{o}. Misenors Recp^{t} for y^{e} Pacq^{t} ℔ Princess Emelia.

15. Copy of Cap^{t} Benfeilds of y^{e} Dawsonne her dispatches dated Feb^{y} y^{e} 20th 1719/20.

16. List of the Pacquet to Great Britain ℔ Ship Dawsonne.

FORT S^{t}. GEORGE,
FEB. Y^{E} 16 1719/20.

JOSHUA DRAPER,
Sec^{ry}.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST DAVID TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 20, 1720. [*Public Despatches to the Company, vol. 5, pp. 7–9*].

TO THE HON^{BLE} THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HON^{BLE} UNITED COMPANY
OF MERCH^{TS} OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

1. This comes by Your Ship Dawsonne Cap^{t} Richard Benfield Commander; who arrived here the 8th Instant From Fort S^{t}. George; with orders from the Hon^{ble} Governour &c^{t}. Council there, to compleat her loading, and dispatch her from hence directly to Your Honours.

2. We have accordingly loaden on her Six Hundred and fifty Bales of divers sorts of Callicoes amounting to thirty seven thousand nine hundred & eighty nine Pagodas thirty four fanams & twenty two Cash as ℔ Invoice; which wit[h] Bill of Loading comes inclos'd, & makes the whole amount [of] her Cargo to be; one Hundred [. . .] seven thousand [. . . Hun]dred & forty ni[ne] [*one line lost*] purpose the 20th ult^{o}, and shall be speedily returnd back with as many of our bales, as she can possibly take in; as soon as she is fitted for the Sea, according to the directions we have receed from thence.

3. We hope the diligence and care that has been taken, in the sortment of the several Goods now sent will meet with your approbation, and as we daily expect orders from Fort S^{t} George, for entring upon a new investment we shall use our utmost care and endeavours! and be very glad if we can prevail with our Merchants fo[r] a complyance for some abatement in the prices of their goods, in hopes Cotton may be still cheaper, then it has hitherto been.

4. Your late Deputy Gov^{r}. Francis Hastings Esq^{r}. removed to Fort S^{t}. George the 24th of Nov^{r}. last, in order to succeed Gov^{r} Collet, in the Government there upon his departure for England and thereupon resign'd the Deputy Government of this Place to M^{r}. Jennings, who came here the 19th of that Month.

5. We are going forward with the necessary buildings, which were orderd when Gov^{r} Collet was here with all possible frugality and expedition, and we hope all will be compleated in eighteen or Twenty months time at farthest M^{r}, Way was sent hither from Fort S^{t} George in November last to take an exact Survey of the progress w^{ch} had been made therein and what remain'd to be done. And we begg leave to refer Your Honours to his report thereof which with an Acco^{t} of the buildings comes inclos'd in the Pacquet. He is lately returnd, to us again, to forward them as fast as the necessary materials can be provided, that there may be an end of that heavy charge to Your Honours as soon as possible, In some of Your old buildings Palmeras having been to much used, hath occasiond a great expence in repairs, the white Ants haveing prov'd very destructive thereto.

6. We shall be glad if in this and in all other Articles of you[r . . .] here, we can merit [your] commenda[tion . . .] as soon as possible [... with a] [list] of our Revenues collected as they become due, The Bound rent with the Tobacco & Beetle Farm, amounting to five thousand and thirty three Pag[*] and

twelve fanams ℔ Annum is in good hands, and we thin[k] there is no danger in contracting any bad debt on that acc[ount] but it happen'd no body was inclin'd to accept of the Arrac[k] rent upon the usuall terms this last year, w^ch^. is therefore at present under the care and management of Mess[ ] Berrim[an] and Wright and produces abo^t^ twelve hundred Pagod^s^ ℔ Annum.

8. We should be well pleasd if our best endeavours could encrease those branches of your Revenues [under] your sea and land custom of Tevenapatam and Cud[dalore] by enlarging the small trade we have for employment [of] shipping which might in time multiply the number of our Inhabitants and contribute somewhat thereto. You[r] servants here both Civil and Military are in good health [&] order in which disposition, we shall endeavour to preserve [them].

9. Inclosd are muster Rolls of our three companys of soldiers w^th^ the monthly charge of each Company and that of the Gunroom crew all sign'd by the respective and proper Officers togather with a List of Burials and Marriages &c^a^. of your covenanted servants in this place.

10. By the list of Debts which with our Gen^ll^. Books Letter R ending the 30^th^ of April last, are herewith sent, your Honours will find some of them to be irrecoverable as is ℔ticularly noted in the list; we shall be carefull to use all proper means for recovering what we can and in all your affairs under our care endeavour to approve our selves.

Honourable

Y^r^. most Obedient & faithfull humble Serv^ts^.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
FEB^RY^ Y^E^ 20^TH^ 1719—20.

WILLIAM JENNINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
ROBERT [BENJAMIN]
[. . .]

ABSTRACT OF *GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 1720. Received by theHanover the 28th March 1721. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts vol. 2, pp. 251–262. (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Duplicate of their last short Letter of the 16th February 1719–20 by the Dawsonne now sent, hope she may have her passage being dispatcht from St. Davids the 22th.

2. Have received the Companys Letter of the 19th December 1719 enclos'd to the President forwarded from St. Davids, and that of the 3d February by the Duke of Cambridge and a short Letter from the Secretary per Cardonnell, shall answer the whole under the General heads advising first what happen'd since the Dawsons departure but to answer par^a^. by paragraph would occasion many needless Repetitions and be tedious, will omit no particulars which require their Notice.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

3. Metchlepatam with stores &c^a^. from Bengall arriv'd 24th February she and the Derby employ'd to and from St. Davids for Bales. 17th April arriv'd the Craggs from Moco Moco with Mr. Pyke on board. 7th May the Hanover arriv'd from Bombay and Mallabar Coast to stay the season, Reasons for the Captains so doing enter'd 16th May in Consultation.

4. Consultation 30th April shows their design to resettle Fort Marlbrô and send the Craggs, Captain Wynn made objections to going he dy'd the 22th. Codicil to his Will prov'd, Captain Blake succeeded he pretended want of Provisions when they got him a supply he refused to take them, finding such trifling they protested against him the 24th May as enter'd he reply'd the 13th June and the same day sail'd for

* Original letter on pp. 10-35 in the volume in this office is in a damaged condition.

Bengall suppose to victuall and refit, thô he did not desire it, yet they wrote to Bengall to retake him into the service when he desired it and to send her up to be laden home in October with the Cardonnell.

5. Godfrey arriv'd from Moco Moco the 22th June, Captain Payne dead, Errington succeeded and on her Mr Ballet the late Chief. 4th July arriv'd Duke Cambridge Captain Small, on the 8th the Mary Captain Holden who had touch'd at St. Davids with 200 Bales from thence the William brought 300 Bales the 20th June, because the Metchlepatam and Derby were laden for the West Coast Expedition, 16th July arriv'd the Derby Captain Fitzhugh with the Duke of York Captain Hyde, did not ask the reasons because the Letter says she was bound for the Coast and Bay, 12th August arriv'd the Cardonnell Captain Mawson last from Madera with 150 Pipes of Wine, next day dispatcht the Duke Cambridge for the Bay but to deliver Goods at Vizagapatam and supplys 15 Chests rupees Redwood and Lead sent on her for the Bay, 16th August the Mary sent to the Bay with 20 Chests Rupees Redwood and Lead 19th D°. the Derby also with the same Lading 31th August Metchlepatam and Derby sail'd for Moco Moco with supplys and Mr. Pyke Deputy Governor to stay there till has orders from England for resettleing Marlbrô the Craggs delays hinder'd their going sooner hope speedily to receive the Companys Orders.

6. July 13th arriv'd at St. Thoma the Ostend Galley formerly the Greyhound with the Emperors Colours the supra Cargos desired to leave to wait on the Governour, she weigh'd thence and proceeded to the Emperours settlement at Covelon carrying on shore some silver coral and Broadcloth, can't learn by their spys they have don any great matter shall advise further as hear.

7. Ship Heathcote is soon expected on the Coast Mr. Alex. Hume late surgeon of the Derby her Chief Supra Cargo to touch at Porto Novo to make an Investment thence to go to the Bay and return in December hear nothing of her suppose she is gon into the Bay.

8. Are so sensible of the mischief from these ships will do all possible to disappoint them, but can only hinder their own People, Merchants at Porto Novo &c^{a}. will deal with them.

9. Consultation 14th July shows did summon all the Black Merchants before them and forbid their dealing with them under severe penaltys, some orders sent to St. Davids, believe only an Application to the Emperour can effectually stop their proceedings.

10. Shall now reply to the Companys Letter under this head.

11. Sorry the King George was not arriv'd hear she lost her Rudder and put back to Madagascar narrowly Scaping the Pyrates.

12. Hope the St. George will prove usefull at Bombay she arriv'd there the 24th May, Princess Anne was at Mocha in June, don't hear of the Cardigans getting to the Bay.

13. Will follow orders about the King George if she comes from Borneo to Madrass.

14. Will comply with all the Companys orders relating to the Bridgwater when arriv'd from China, if can't sell her Mettalls better will send them to the Bay having desir'd a price currant from thence.

15. Will follow the select Committees orders when receive any.

16. Have sent Accounts of the Annuall Charges and earnings, shall do it more explicitly as order'd by the January shipping.

17. Glad the Company approve their care in disposing of the Stores for the Dieu Expedition, have don the like for what bought for the West Coast which shall not have occasion for.

18. The sloop King William bought for Dieu was appointed to go with the Craggs for the West Coast, but being found to be out of Repairs was sold at 41 Pagodas.

19. Will be cautious of hiring Vessells on freight without an Absolute necessity as was don in the William aforemention'd.

20. Since the Gratifications to Captain Fitzhughs Carpenters are disapprov'd will be more cautious hereafter.

21. Hope shall have no more Instances of their care approv'd in the case of the Success.

22. On perusing the Companys 25th Paragraph compar'd with their 11th paragraph have not insisted on the Captains allowing surplus Price of Pepper above 18 Pagodas a Candy, were satisfy'd in the deficiency of the Pepper sent on board the Duke of Cambridge therefore order'd it to be wrote off.

23. Hope shall have full supplys of Petre from the Bay since the orders for surplus quantitys.

24. Have comply'd with the Companys orders about Registers of Private Trade sent by the King William, but the 27th Paragraph of the Companys Letter per Cambridge implys as if had receiv'd them sooner than they did, the Secretary has corrected them on the 1st Notice and sign'd an attestation of the Captains signing it.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND RECEIVED.

25. July 7th agreed to sell the Cambridges silver at dollars 15¼ and not under, but Mr. Horden sold it after at 15.

26. Received per Duke of Cambridge 9057 Oz. silver not mention'd in Invoice or Manifest but Mr. Turner producing Mr. Micklethwaits Receipts for freight and Permission of that quantity deliver'd it and order'd the like to any others who should.

27. Godfrey brought about 70 tons Pepper from the West Coast of which 20 ton Ungarbled order'd it on shore, agreed with Captain Errington that the Company should judge whether he should have for the rest more than half freight because to be shot among the Bales, hope the Company will think have don it for their Interest.

28. Shall now answer the Companys Letter under this head.

29. By what have yet examin'd find the Treasure Stores &c^{a}. come out right, if any defect discover'd shall advise it.

30. Twelve of the 150 Pipes of the Cardonnells Wine sent to the Bay, will dispose of the rest as order'd after trying what they design to use.

31 Having not received from the Accomptant advices about the Goods Invoiced on the Boneta can't say any thing thereto.

32. Have little hopes of selling the Tents thô show'd to Ducknaroy and other great Moor men, in their greatest beauty, will do all they can to get them off hope shall not be blam'd if they don't.

33 Will sell off all the Woollen Goods as fast and well as they can but thô the Armys used to take them off are glad have none near them for they would put them to great charge.

34. Will follow the method of selling the Woollen Goods to the Joynt Stock Merchants and Iron Lead China goods &c^{a}. at Outcry, part of the Lead was sent to the Bay the Iron sold at the sea gate at Pag^{s}. 12 : 18, per Candy.

35. Will follow orders about Goods wanting in Invoice and of wants in Warehouse and storehouse and to prevent decaying &c^{a}. Writing off nothing till duly examin'd the Losses.

36. Will follow orders to prevent trading in Warlike Stores to the Mallabar Coast &c^{a}. for the reasons given.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

37. Have bought 50 Tons Cowries part sent on this ship; have been new washt and clean'd which occasions some loss in weight if the sellers had don it would have been dearer.

38. Shall now answer the Companys Letter under this head.

39. Will comply with the List of Investments and the Observations on the Goods.

40. Will try to get the Merchants abate on the prices of their Goods when can hope to succeed, thô the Famine is likely to be over it will be some time before can recover the dispersed Weavers who perhaps may be employ'd by the French Dutch or Interlopers.

41. Will endeavour to get Madrapauck Bettellees at present are very dear.

42. The 240 Pagodas allow'd the Washers in January 1717–18 was for Rice in their Poverty the 300 Pag^{s}. was for cleansing their Tanks and necessitated to do it for them gratis, own'd they should have explain'd the former as they did the later Article and will be more punctual hereafter.

43. Will send no more Rupees to the Bay then desired nor detain ships for coyning them so as to pay Demorage.

44. Will yearly send an account of their Debts at Interest and Account of remains in Warehouse towards paying them, but instead of debts had 50,000 Pagodas in February to begin the New Contract after all Ballances paid at Madrass and St. Davids and had a flowing Cash when the Ships arriv'd, so that have no fear of want of Cash to carry on their Investments.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

45. Hope the famine occasion'd by want of rain is at an end, if the Monsoon comes in due season all apprehensions of it will cease no expecting the Inland Trade to recover yet the Country so much depopulated.

46. As the Inland Trade revives shall be able to vend their Importations, But are alarm'd with the News of Pyrates being in the Indian seas who have don much mischief which unless they are supprest will stop all their Country trade, Angria hath taken the Charlotta very rich bound from China to Madrass, formerly the Sherborn, unless he be supprest their Trade will be lost.

47. Refer to Consultation 20th February for an Acco^{t}. of the Junkanners insults at the Metto near Egmore whom they after many provocations supprest, killing their Principal and wounding two of the rest, the Nabob return'd a civil answer to the Englishes Complaint thereupon however the outguards were strengthen'd, this made them sensible the English would neither be insulted nor insult.

48. Affairs at Court seem to be unsetled but can have no certain Account. The 2 Syad Brothers maintain Mahmud Shaw Grandson of Shaw Allum at Delly, The Rashpoots contend for Necksheir son of Ockbar it is said he is taken Prisoner, almost all the Nabobs and Rajahs of the Countrey set up for themselves, so that the Empire is but provinciall in Effect.

49. Mr. Nissen lately arriv'd from Denmark, Governor of Tranquebar has declared war against the Moors and blockt up Hugely, notwithstanding they took some time since a Large Moors ship now called the Fredericks Haab they cruiz up and down the Coast expecting 3 Men of War from Denmark, have taken 2 or 3 little Vessells of Aga Mogheems, which he ransom'd on moderate terms and have granted Passes on easy terms to the Moors, hear the King of Tanjore will besiege them, several Moors ships at Madrass fear to go to sea thô the Danes promise to molest none with English passes, on which gave them liberty to wear English Colours if had an European on board when at sea as per Consultations 4th and 10th Aprill and 30th May.

50. Refer to Consultations in April, May, July and August of their discovery of the Chittys conspiracy against the Government to leave Madrass and go to St. Thoma, Translates of intercepted Letters from Goa, sent to prove it, whereupon imprison'd the Chittees till gave security in the same manner as that they gave when return'd from St. Thoma 7th February 1716, can't find the Original of that Bond,

but understand it was deliver'd Mr. Collett President, suppose Mr. Collet carry'd it home, thought it necessary to renew said Obligation, which they promis'd to comply with if the heads of their Casts consented on which releas'd them 11th August, some of the Council who opposed have enter'd their reasons whereto refer.

51. Shall now answer the Companys letter under this head.

52. Thankfull for the Companys concern that their Trade may be successfull.

53. Will take care to keep sufficient store of Grain whenever fear a scarcity and offer it to the Church if it can improve their Stock which are concern'd to increase and do often inspect its management.

54. The disputes with Sadatulla Cawn about the Villages was setled the best they could and don to protract time and prevent interruption in their Affairs shall follow the Companys orders now received thô the Caun remembers it, he is now diverted by the Countrey troubles.

55. Will see the orders about the Casts kept up and punish disturbers of the Peace, hope shall have no more occasion to execute orders about the Chaplains.

56. Glad the Pedanaigues estate was sufficient to pay his debts to the Mayors Court, since the Company disapprov'd the security given to answer deficiency.

57. Would not have scrupled paying the dutys at Bombay towards the Charge of Angrias war if could have been protected, but the loss of the Charlotta proves the contrary.

58. Have not as yet got a Considerable Number of Patans from St. Thoma, nor think proper to attempt it openly because have a good Correspondence with Auga Mogheem and he has serv'd them but several resorted to Madrass lately on Auga Mogheems son creesing one of the Patans, and before that prevail'd on others which came from Bengall, Granting them a Cowl the 26th February.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS AND REVENUES.

59. Try'd to get an advance on the Tobacco farm which ended 4th April but nobody offering proposals when put up to sale, accepted Poncala Kistnas offer at the Old Rent of Pag^{s}. 7000 a year for 5 years.

60. Have granted a New Cowl to the Old Renter of the Old Garden at the same rent as before no body offering to advance.

61. No body offering to rent the Villages of Egmore &c^{a}. without great abatement, have appointed a Covenant servant to look after it for if once lower the Revenues can never hope to raise them the ground so parcht by the Drought make the Renters fear it can't be well manur'd, but hope on the late Rains to make a new tryal.

62. The fishing farm under the same fate, the River almost dry forced to cut a narrow passage to keep the little water in it from stagnating, hope since the late rains have fill'd it to perswade the Renters to retake it.

63. Come now to answer what the Company write under this head.

64. Inner Fort and all other Buildings finisht except the sorting godown which is near don, each buildings charge is under its proper head in the books, those at St. Davids are in good forwardness and the Charge shall be enter'd in their books or in an Account apart, will do no more such work till have the Companys leave therefore forbid the building a Wall from the Mud point to the block house to secure that part of the Town.

65. The Buildings allow'd at Vizagapatam were only lodging rooms and Warehouses.

66. Refer to Consultations 18th August for Mr. Tho. Cookes Vindication against Mr. Fredericks Charge of the fraud on the Chinam and Mr. Ways report upon it, Mr. Cooke requests to have the charge of the West Coast provisions, Sallary and Gratuity.

67. Will reimburse the 250 Pag^{a}. fine apply'd towards the Island bridge out of the Town Conicoply duty.

68. Letter 10th October 1719 gave a large Account of the Town Conicoply duty, the payments shall be made as short as possible.

69. Have in Par^{a}. 52 per Marlbrô answer'd the Companys Letter Par^{a}. 68 per Duke Cambridge about the Declension of the sea Customs.

70. Did not send the yearly List of Vizagapatam Revenues as promised because did not receive it in time, but did send it afterwards by the Queen as Mr. Symonds gave it in, shall take better care in future.

71. Will take care to shorten the times in the Cowles for paying in the Rents farm'd there, List of those Revenues wrote for yearly and sent with those of Fort St. George.

72. The Toddy Licence recall'd because burdensome to the poor, Lewis Mellique the farmer is not an European, but a French Mesteez and gives an occasion to complain of Oppression.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, SOLDIERS AND THEIR ACCOMPTS.

73. Mr. Jenkinson being distracted order'd the disposing of his Effects, the Account sent home on the Godfrey, he takes Passage on the Hanover with one to take care of him.

74. List of the Secretarys fees as by the Council approv'd are enter'd after Consultation 11th Aprill.

75. Mr. Peter Shelley suspended as per Consultation 21th April for affronting Mr. Cooke, but took it off on his recantation and submission the 30th D^{o}.

76. Mr. Turton design'd Supravisor for the West Coast the 25th April, he dy'd that afternoon, leaving no Apparent Will two appointed to take care of his Effects, they found a part of a Will which is enter'd after the Consultation.

77. Mr. Draper on this brought into Council, but to continue Secretary, some of the Councill dissenting their reasons are enter'd in Consultation and answer'd by Mr. Drapers paper enter'd after it.

78. Mr. Emmerson declin'd going supravisor, on which appointed Mr. Draper who offer'd it, Mr. Thomas Wright on this order'd from St. Davids to be Secretary in his stead and soon after appointed of Councill.

79. Mr. Henry Davy Register of the Sea Gate dy'd the 3d May his Will enter'd the 5th. John Blagg West Coast Writer dy'd the 10th D^{o}.

80. Mr. Thomas Robson Surgeon dy'd about the same time lamented, his Widow administer'd, the heats after the long Drought carry'd off many by a nervous inflammatory feavor, Mr. Duncan Munro returning from Surat soon after admitted, youngest surgeon and since Chief being qualify'd.

81. Mr. Hugh Hopkins entertain'd surgeon for the West Coast, because he there, will not stay.

82. Papers deliver'd in the 7th July by Mr. Turner about the dispute between the Company and Mr. Chitty were deliver'd to those empower'd by Commission to Act therein.

83. Richard Righting and Robert Grott 2 souldiers convicted of murder wish had power to condemn them the want of it in capital cases encourages such practices.

84. Mr. George Drake Steward Account of Expences for West Coast Stores objected to and reported 20th June, Mr. Drake the 27th gave in his answer, this disprov'd 14th July; Mr. Drake offering nothing to the purpose in excuse was dismist the Office, Mr. John Russon succeeded hope he will retrench the Expences considerably, Mr Crooke succeeds him Register of the Sea Gate and John Fullagar him as under Paymaster.

85. August the 8th the President charges Mr. Elwick with remissness and insolence and declared he would not sit at the Board if Mr. Elwick was continued, on

this perusing some of the Companys Letters and 109 Par^{a}. per Cambridge suspended him, the reasons enter'd for doing it with the opinion of some of the Councill thereupon enter'd 8th and 11th August.

86. Are now to answer the Companys Letters under this head.

87. Mr. Charles Peers Writer is in the Secretarys Office.

88. Engineer Johnson sent to Bombay would have stopt the Money advanced him if had known it, but shall advise Bombay about it, but are in doubt whether the £40 demanded is not the £30 Gratuity and £10 for fresh provisions given him.

89. Mr Thomas Rossear Centinell has not desired to be discharg'd when he dos will grant it the thô Garison is so thin deny'd three Petitions for the like the 28th Ultimo.

90. Mr. Woollaston must be misinform'd of his deceased sons Circumstances or would not have troubled Mr. Leg and Turner therein, Mr. Woollaston esteem'd thriving but kept no Accounts so that could not find out how he had disposed of his effects, his Trustees finding him likely to be insolvent represented it 1st September 1718 in Consultation, on which his Effects paid in to the Mayors Court to be divided to his Creditors in proportion.

91. Will endeavour to retrench Expences and order'd the Paymaster and Steward to set about it heartily, The President has but barely enô servants and Peons to distinguish his being Governour.

92. Will observe no Recommendations as the Act of the Court unless those in the General Letters.

93. Daniell Taudin order'd to be discharg'd was gon to Bombay. Edward Massey is discharg'd, and the Company ordering none shall be entertain'd but what they send out, therefore Nathaniell Torriano entertain'd Factor for 3 years and Nathaniell Ross for a Factor for the West Coast are dismist as per Consultation 4th August Mr. Elwicks dissent thereto enter'd.

94. The President thankfull for being appointed to the Government doubts not to give satisfaction.

95. The orders for Captain Holdens touching at St. Davids to carry Mr. Hastings orders to go to Madrass to be President supposing Mr. Collet was on the Place, and he being gon, know not how to make the Enquirys about his supposed mismannagements having no directions how to act in case of his absence, because it would be to exhibit a Charge against a man not present to defend himself and would Savour of injustice and embolden the Blacks disaffected to charge him more in his absence than they dar'd do if present but doubt not now he is in England he will refute the aspersions cast on him.

96. Thô they did not think it proper to enquire publickly into the Charges against Mr. Collett, yet find on examining some of the supposed injured Persons most of the facts are false and suppose the rest so too, Mr. Collett has answer'd the scurrilous libell under a fictitious name pointing at him in Par^{a}. 78. per Marlbrô, believe Mr. Frederick was the Author of that and of the Representation he sign'd, have just reason to reckon him prejudiced, and not to believe a word he says, if defamatory reports of servants abroad are believed at home before proof made, how can they go thrô their business chearfully, hope when the Company are convinced how much Mr. Collet has been abused they will not again receive wrong impressions again of their servants, Mr. Collets absence prevented their Executing the Commission of Enquiry and the Powers from Chancery to examine Witnesses thought as per Consultation 4th August, Mr. Jennings present sent for from St. Davids being one named in the Commission, he will return in few days.

97. When these ships are dispatcht will consider of New Methods to retrench Expences in all places, had don something towards it as per Consultations 13th June 20th 27th and 14th July, hope to do it effectually.

98. Will observe the Rules in Par^{a}. 109 per Cambridge to establish the Companys affairs on a foundation of justice.

99. Should not have fear'd Law suits to hinder their Proceedings if Mr. Collet had been on the Place.

100. The suggestion of presents being made to the President &c^{a}. when bargains have been made with the Black Merchants hath nothing in it for the Right hand Cast are lavish and poor delighting in Grandure, the left or Chittys niggardly and penurious to the last degree, so that the Company will easily judge the little grounds for this suggestion, and hope will not suspect their honesty, while think fit to entrust them.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOMPTS.

101. Will by the January shipping answer the Accomptants Letter and send their General books.

102. Do observe the method of transferring remains from one Person to the successors, will follow the Companys orders about not confiding too much in Conicoplys &c^{a}.

103. Will send to Vizagapatam the 101st Paragraph per Cambridge about the old Vizagapatam debt to excite the recovery of all or part of it, the Merchants at Madrass clear yearly will recommend it to their subordinates.

104 Have paid the Ballance of the Junks Account to the Annes Proprietors deducting the Tea.

105. Mr. Hungerfords Bill shall be paid out of Mr. Woollastons effects if an Overplus, but if not hope his father will return what he sent home that the Creditors may be satisfy'd.

106. Ballance of Robert Wests account is Pag^{s}. 75 : 17 : 34.

107. Have at the desire of several received money and drawn Bills on the Company for Pag^{s}. 377 : 28 :—payable to Captain Edward Arnold, for Pag^{s}. 10,000 payable to Mr. John Legg, for Pag^{s}. 400 payable to Jn^{o}. or Agnes Rind, for Pag^{s}. 4,444 : 16 :— payable to Edward Jennings Esq^{r}. and Henry Hoar for Pag^{s}. 2,372 : 4 : 28. to John Freeman Esq^{r}. for Pag^{s}. 4,000 payable to Alexander Bennett and Joseph Houghton, for Pag^{s}. 217 : 8 : 68. payable to Tho : Crew, for Pag^{s}. 222 : 8. payable to John Rudge Esq^{r}., for Pag^{s}. 222 : 8 :—. to Elenor Lesley, for Pag^{s}. 2,015 : 29 : 3. to Susanna Winne, for Pag^{s}. 126. to Benjamin Graves, for Pag^{s}. 2,975 : to Robert Dymond.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

108. Mr. Pyke &c^{a}. are to continue at Moco Moco and a Resident or two only at Bencoolen.

109. In the Consultations of April, June, July and August will be found a tedious dispute between Mr. Pyke and Mr. Ballett, believe Mr. Ballet innocent and prosecuted because would not deliver the Chiefship contrary to the Forts orders but this refer'd to the Company because would not discourage Mr. Pyke and give the cause against him for then he must have made Mr. Ballet amends for injuring his character, Mr. Pyke behav'd indecently the 14th July, Mr. Ballets demand for sallary for being Chief of Moco Moco refer'd to the Company he comes hom on the Godfrey.

SUPPLEMENT.

110. Shall now give an Account of the Progress of the French Missisippi Company at Pondecherry where 3 of their ships are Arriv'd viz^{t}., the Solide with 2 Millions of Livres Value but dollars 600,000; Dollars 200,000 sent on her to Bengall 100,000 dollars in gold melted into Pag^{s}. The Vierge d'Grace brought 5 Millions of Livres which will produce about 3 Millions 500,000 Livres, she is gon to the Bay with about 80,000 Crowns, The Amphitrite brought about dollars 100,000 two more expected with like Stock, report they will establish a Fund of 150 Millions of Livres at Pondecherry for their Trade in India.

111. They are paying off their Old debts with Interest, The Governor has 20,000 Livres a year Sallary with 12. Guards 20. horse 200. Peons. The 2d

10,000 Livres. The 3d 3,000 Livres, the other 4 of Council each 2,500 Livres, have 600 souldiers, The Major has 3,000 Livres a year, the Captain 1,200, Lieut^{ts}. 900, Non Commission Officers in proportion, the Souldiers 3 Pagodas a Month.

112. Mr. George Drake comes home on the Godfrey. At the Captains request reladed Pepper on the Godfrey as per Consultation 25th August at the same freight with his other Pepper.

113. Pag^{s}. 10,000 paid into Cash on account of the Jesuit Missionarys in China, hope the Company will allow them the usuall Interest, because serve the English in China.

114. Shall speedily make the additionall Contract at Madrass and St. Davids according to List of Investments received. Mr. Jennings will carry down the List of Goods to be provided at St. Davids, thankfull for being appointed Deputy Governour, Mr. Turner thankfull for his reinstatement, will pay him his Sallary &c^{a}. during his dismission as order'd, the others in Council also thankfull, Mr. Draper and Mr. Wright hope to be confirm'd of Councill.

115. Captain Paddle dead at St. Davids, Captain Ogden will be sent in his room.

116. Dyamonds per Godfrey Pag^{s}. 8,246 : 11 : 42. the Captains Register'd Goods Pag^{s}. 3,291 : 28. Godfreys Invoice Pag^{s}. 37,698 : 7 : 40.

117. Have now return'd a full Reply to all the Letters received this year.

Nath^{L}. Turner.	Fra : Hastings.
Rich^{D} : Benyon.	Wm : Jennings.
John Emmerson.	Rich^{D} : Horden.
Joshua Draper.	Tho : Cooke.
Tho : Wright.	Rand : Fowke.

Letter to Edward Johnson, Esq., dated [?].

[*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, p. 35.*]

To the Worsp^{ll}. Edw^{d} J[oh]nson Esq^{r}.
G[ov]^{r}. &c^{t} Council of S^{t}. Helena

Worsp^{ll} S^{r}. &c^{t}.

This serves to acknowledge the rec^{t}. [of Yo^{r}.] Letter of the 29th June 1719 and to inclose Invoice [and Bill of] Load[in]g for Goods put on board our Hon^{ble} [Masters ship Godfrey] Cap^{t}. Tho^{s}. Errington Command^{r}. [*A few lines lost*].

List of the Pacquet to Great Brittain ℔ Ship Godfrey.

No. 1. Gen^{ll}. letter to Y^{e}. Hon^{ble}. Court of Directors by her dated September 2^{d}. 1720.

2. Duplicate Dawsonn's Gen^{ll}. letter dated 16th Feb^{ry}. 1719/20.

3. Seal'd Pacquet from the Presid^{t}. & Councill in Bengall directed to y^{e} Hon^{ble}. Court of Directors.

4. [Cap^{n}.] Tho^{s}. Erringtons register of goods ℔ Godfrey.

5. Translate of a letter from the Vice Roy of Goa to Mons^{r}. S^{t}. Hillaire dated June 16th 1720.

6. Letter from the Vice Roy of Goa's Cheif Minister to y^{e} Presid^{t}. dated the 18th June 1720.

7. Letter from the Vice Roy of Goa to the Presid^{t}. dated the 18th. June 1720.

8. List of presents from the Vice Roy of Goa to y^{e} great Mogull.

9. Instructions to y^{e} Mast^{r}. of y^{e} Galley from y^{e} Vice Roy of Goa.

10. Goa from Joseph de Silvia Gouvea y^{e}. Vice Roy of Goa's cheif minister dated 13th Aprill 1720.

11. Goa from Joseph de Silvia Gouvea y^e^. Vice Roy of Goa's cheif minister dated 17^th^ Jan^ry^. N.S. 1720.

12. Register of Dyamonds ℔ ship Hanover amounting to Pag^s^. 8246. 11: 42.

13. Muster Roll of Ship Godfreys men.

14. Copy of Cap^n^. Rich^d^. Be[n]tfields dispatch for Great Brittain dated Feb^ry^. 20^th^ 1719/20.

15. Copy of Cap^n^. Tho^s^. Erringtons dispatch for Great Brittain dated Sep^br^. 2^d^. 1720.

16. Fort S^t^. George Country lett^rs^. (commencing Feb^ry^. 4^th^ 1719/20 end^g^.) Aug^st^. 10^th^ 1720.

17. Ship Godfreys Invoice amount^s^ to Pag^s^. 37698: 7: 40.

18. Duplicate of Ship Dawsonns Invoice from Fort S^t^. George & S^t^. David.

19. Ship Godfreys bill of Lading.

20. Copy of Ship Godfreys invoice to S^t^. Helena for Great Brittain amounting to Pag^s^. 75.

21. Two small sealed pacquets from the P[resident & Cou]ncill of Bombay [directed] to y^e^ Hon^ble^ [Court of Directors.]

22. Fort S^t^. George D[iary . . .]

23. Fort S^t^. Geor[ge . . .]

24. [. . .]

25. [. . .]

26. Account Sales &c^t^ of M^r^. Jenkinsons effects.

27. List of the Pacquet ℔ Hanover.

28. List of the Pacquet.

THO: WRIGHT
Sec^ry^.

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO GREAT BRITTAIN ℔ SHIP HANNOVER.

No. 1. Duplicate of Fort S^t^. George Gen^l^. Letter ℔ Ship Godfrey dated Sep^br^. 2^d^. 1720.

2. Register of Diamonds ℔ Ship Hannover amounting to Pag^s^. 8246: 11: 42.

3. Copy of Cap^n^. Tho^s^. Erringtons dispatch to Great Brittain dated Sep^br^. 2^d^. 1720.

4. Copy of Cap^n^. Tho^s^. Erringtons Comm^r^. of Ship Godfrey his register of goods amounting to Pag^s^. 3291: 28.

5. Duplicate of Ship Godfreys Invoice amount^s^ to Pag^s^ 37,698 : 7: 40.

6. Duplicate of Ship Godfreys bill of Lade^s^. amo^t^. [*Lacuna*]

7. Copy of Ship Godfreys invoice to S^t^ Helena for Great Brittain amo^t^. to Pag^s^. 75.

8. List of the Pacquet ℔ Godfrey.

9. List of the Pacquet.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^{T}. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 20, 1721. [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, pages 38–55*].

To the Hon^{ble} Court of
Directors for Affairs of
The Hon^{ble} United Company
of Merchants of England
Trading to the East Indies.

Honourable,

1. By Your Ships Godfrey and Hannover w^{ch} sail'd hence in Comp^{y} for London The 4th of September Last—We gave Y^{r} Hon^{rs} under date of the second of that month, A very Large account of your affairs, under our management, and a full Reply To The severall letters you were pleasd to favour us with, by The shiping of that Season, a Triplicate of That letter we send herewith, by Your Ships Mary & Cardonnell, to give you an account of all our materiall Transactions, and the Occurrances w^{ch} have hapned Since That Time.

2. On the 5 of September Your Ship Cardonnel Capt William Mawson Commander Saild for Fort S^{t} Davids in order To return with a loading of bales, on the 7th of the Same Month y^{r} Ships Matchlapatam and the Younge Derby, Saild for the West Coast, on whom went M^{r}. Pike y^{r} Deputy Govern^{r} To reside att Moco Moco. On the 4th of October arrivd The Ship Munchu from Vizagapatam with a loading of One Hundred Seventy Three bales, on the 8th of the same Month Y^{r} Ship Cardonnel return'd from Fort S^{t} Davids wth a loading of One Thousand bales. On the 6th Ult^{o} arrived the Ship Francis from Vizagapatam wth a loading of three hundred and ten bales. On The 10th Ultimo arrivd Y^{r} Ship Mary Captain Richard Holden Commander from The bay wth wares, and stores, for This presidency, and about one third of her lading for Europe. On The 2^{d} Instant arriv'd your Ship Derby Capt William Fitzhugh, and Yo^{r} Ship Duke of Cambridg Daniel [Sm]all Commander wth wares and Stores likewise, and a proportionate quantity of bales, as part of Their Europe[l]adi[ng.]

3. Before This [comes to yo^{r}] hands [we] suppose your Hon^{rs} will be a [. . .] Ship [*one line lost*] Pirates and so Escaped, that the former was so Closely engag'd, [. . .] thô the Commander Capt Mackray, defended the Ship very bravely, he was att last overpowerd and taken Cap^{t}. Gilbert got safe to Bombay and Mackray arriv['d] soon after with 50 of his men in a ship calld the Fancy a prize w^{ch} the Pirates had Taken from The Dutch and had giv[en] to him. The apprehensions w^{ch} we told you we were under in the 46th Paragraph of our letter by the Godfrey, are now too just. Before Cap^{t}. Mackray had arrivd att Bombay the Ship Cassan[dra] and an other very large Ship with two tire of Guns, were Cruizing Upon The Mallabar Coast, and had taken a rich Ship in her pas[sage] from Judda, to Surat, belonging to the Merchants there, whi[ch] so Exasperated them against the English Thro' a false notio[n] they had Imbibd, that none but those of our Nation were Conce[rned] In the Capture, that they had form'd a Resolution to Reprize up[on] Any of Our Ships, that should happen To fall in att Mocha, [or] Judda, the Ensuing Seasons besides This, they had made Application To the Gov^{r}. of Surat, and demanded Restitution fro[m] The English, w^{ch} put our people under Great apprehensions o[f] having Their Factory Block'd up, but the Gov^{r}. there absolutely refusd to comply with their sollicitations, unless they would give him security, that they would be answerable, for any ill Consequences That might ensue, remembring Well what hapned on a like occasion some years ago. M^{r}. Hope y^{r} Chief There has pressd Gov^{r}. Boon to send him some releif, and wee are informd that two of yo^{r} ships, were Orderd to Lye att the Rivers mouth for Their Assistance, but Later advices Say that the Merchants are now pretty Easy.

4. We have Yett a much more Meloncholly account to Lay before Yo^{r} Hon^{rs}. Gov^{r}. Boone (Notwithstanding the Loss of y^{r} Ship S^{t} George, who stranded as she lay on shore) had musturd up all the Force that he could possibly gett togather, which

consisted of 2 Europe ships 5 or 6 Grabbs, besides Galivats and the Prahm, and these were sent under The Direction of M^{r}. Brown one of the Council there, in order To Bombard Geria, one of Angria's principal Fortifications, They Lay before That place some days with very good Success, having burnt Severall Grabs and Galivats, and landed a body of men, who after having killd abou[t] 130 of the Enemy, and found their Numbers too powerfull, retreated in good order, wth the loss only of an Ensign and about 12 [. . .] Departure they unfortunately mett wth the [. . .] [Bija]-pore, who passd thrô them, and [*one line lost*].

5. Wee beleive The Execution that was done against Angria by burning his grabbs and Galivats may Eas us of any apprehensions We should otherwise have been under of Danger from That quarter att least for This Ensuing season, and we are in hopes that The method w^{ch} Gov^{r}. Boone, has lately Taken against the Pirates, will be a very great security to our shiping now abroad, for wee are Inform'd by Letters from Surat, that upon hearing from Capt Mackray, that the Number of men on board both of them, did not Consist of above 300, he has reinforc'd his Geria fleet, and sent Them against Them, with what addition of ships and Vessels he could make, with a full resolution to destroy them and we'ere in great hopes that the rich booty on board Them (No less by Computation then 300000£) will Encourage the People to Exert themselves on this Occasion, Wee are since Inform'd That the Two Pirates before mention'd, with one of Their Prizes (as wee suppose) were att the Laccadivie Islands, where They gott on Shore, Carousing, & drinking, that amongst the rest of their mad pranks, they Plunderd the Natives, and sett Fire To their Habitations, and while this was doing a storm arose, and drove'em from their anchors which obligd Them to leave about fifty of their men on shore, and we are in very great hopes that they will be all Cutt of by the Natives.

6. This Togather with the late arrival of our Ship Britannia from Siam makes us under much less concern then we were for the safety of Our Shiping, Employ'd in the most material branches of our trade, wee mean the several ships Expected from China, amongst w^{ch} is Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} ship Bridgwater, who saild thence the 1st of Decemb^{r} according To Yo^{r} Orders, and is daily Expected here, add to these the ships wee Expect from Manilha, Siam & Macao, all w^{ch} must pass Thro' the Streights of Malacca; as not being preadvisd of the Danger of Pirates lying in wait for them. Tho that [is] the place where Every one Expected the sceen of his misfortunes to be laid: But Capt: Powneys arrival, has att length removd our fears.

7. All Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} Ships bound To China [T]his last season were arriv'd Yo^{r} ship King George was at Batavia in July last, and about To proceed for Ben[jar] she was then commanded by the second [ma]te, The Capt. and Chief mate being dead, [. . .] in any Tollerable Time [we] shall dispose [. . .] the Bridgewater, for [*one line lost*] and That would be of the last ill consequence, after the late misfortune att Johanna, att which, or one of the neighbouri[ng] Islands they would be oblig'd To Touch, in case of such an accident and Tis Odds if they did, but They mett wth ye: Cassandra's fate.

8. All the ships on the other Coast are like To be Employ'd in Warfare This year, and Gov^{r}. Boone has fitted out a Brigantine, w^{ch} he is now sending To Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} as an advi[ce] Vessel.

9. Yo^{r} Ship Princes Ann met with a very qui[ck] dispatch from Mocha in July last and was seen of Goa the 15 of Aug^{t} last.

10. The ship formerly call'd The Heathcote (now the City of Vienna) mention'd in The 7th parag^{h}: of our Letter ℔ the Godfrey arriv'd att S^{t}. Thoma, tho' very late the last season, and proceeded to the bay, were she has been very much hampe[rd] and we are inform'd she will hardly be able To do her business time Enough to return this Year. The other Interloper call'd the Greyhound Winterd wth one of the French ships at Merga; she is now att Covelon, and is like, to gett a loading of about 400 or 500 Bales.

11. Yo[r] Ship Cragg's after being refitted att the Bay, was upon Application made To the President & Council there, restor'd to yo[r] Service, and was design'd to be dispatched home in Company w[th] the Cardigan about the 15[th] of Decem[ber] The Duke of York wee are advisd was to follow about The of 30 of Jan[ry].

12. By Letters from England (Via Bombay) we are advisd that upon the receit of the Meloncholly account Of the West Coast affairs, Transmitted you by y[e] Queen, and Dartmouth Yo[r] Hon[rs] had order'd the Hartfor'd, to come directly from S[t]. Helena hither, just as wee suggested; she is not yett arriv'd, but we hope before The Departure of our latter ships, att least to give you some account of her.

13. By advices from Surat we learn that an Ostender about 200 Tons arrivd there the 23[d] of Oct[r] last with a stock of about 10,000£.

14. Of the 150 Pipes of Madera Wine sent by [. . . rec]eiv'd no more then 120 full 30 being leaked out [. . .] Bay 10 To Fort S[t]. Davids, 10 to Bombay [*one line lost*] and we find no reason hitherto To complain of their Quality.

15. Wee acquainted Yo[r] Hon[rs] in our last letter that we had disposd of the Silver, that came by the Duke of Cambridg att 15 doll[rs] for 10 Pagodas we have since disposd of what remaind att 15[⅛].

16 We have purchas'd about 50 Ton of Couries more, for Yo[r] Hon[rs] account, and laden them on board The Cardonnel, we design'd her home in October with the Craggs Frigate, and wrote to the bay to have that ship dispatch'd to us accordingly, but Yo[r] President and Council there did not think fitt to send her hither, at that time of the Year, and their answer did not Come to our hands till it was too Late To begin To lade the Cardonnel w[th] safety, the monsoon approaching and bad weather being Expected, under These Circumstances we thought it proper to Order her out into 20 fathom water where she lay till the Danger was over, the Capt: requested in writing the Custimary Kintelage from hence, being willing to Carry home his iron Kintelage, upon his owners account, and we granted that request, as you may pleas to Observe in our Consultation of the 17[th] of October.

17. In the supplement of our last letter, wee acquainted Y[r] Hon[rs] that so soon as the ships then on their departure were sail'd, we should enter upon the Conditional Contracts here, and at Fort S[t]. David, but did not when we wrote that letter Imagi[ne], wee should meet w[th] so much difficulty in bringing our merchants To a Complyance, as we afterwards found, In our Consultation of the 5 of Sep[r]. wee Call'd in both setts of merchants, seperately, and offerd the Investment To them, but instead of accepting it, desird leave to demure upon the matter, they afterwards absolutely refusd To Contract unless we would advance the prices of the Goods on pretence of the large demands, made by the French and Ostenders. Our President thereupon made Enquiry if there were not any Other Merchants of substance in the Place, who would be Willing To Undertake a Contract, w[th] us for the several sort of Goods we [w]anted att the usuall [pr]ices, This was not Easily Effected, b[eca]use [our two setts had] Enterd into a secret Combination [to . . .] Our Investment att [*one line lost*] however att Length (Tho with much Difficulty) perswad[ed] Gongeram, and Amarashatacker son of Ninatacker two of the most substantiall Guzarat Merchants of this place, to Engage for about 2000 bales, to be provided part by the End of September next, and part by January following. Our Chittee Merchants no sooner heard of this Engagement, but they immediately flew off from their former Agreement made w[th] y[e] right hand sett (as thinking they had carried the matter a little too farr) and presently struck in with Gongeram &c[t]. for some shares of the Investment. Suncah Ramahs people were very much confounded, to find themselves Thus left in the Lurch and they who were before so much courted by us to Enter upon the Investment, now Courted us as much to let them undertake it, but tho' we were Enough sensible how great an injury they had attempted to do us, and how ill the Consequence would have been to yo[r] affairs had the[y] succeeded, in their Purpose, yet we did not think it prudence, to show any great signs off Resentment, att so Critical a juncture, when there really was a large demand for goods, both from the French and Interlopers tho not so very large a one as they would have insinuated To us, we therefore Concluded a Contract with them for about 2000 bales more as

yo^{r} Hon^{rs}. may pleas to observe in our Consultation of the 1st ultimo, that w^{ch} Gongarem [&c^{t}.] New merchants engag'd in is Enter'd after our consultation of the 24th of Novemb^{r}. we doubt not but y^{r} Hon^{rs}. will highly approve our Presid^{ts} Conduct on that occasion, in circumventing a design w^{ch} If Effected, would have been of so great prejudice to y^{r} affairs as to have hinderd the dispatch of the Major part of y^{r} shipping y^{e} next year, unless we had comply'd wth their Extravagant demands, and rais'd the prices of the Goods, which could not Easily have been lowerd again.

18. We have likewise concluded a Contract wth our Merch^{ts} att Fort S^{t}. David for 3146 bales more at y^{e} usuall price[s] we were oblig'd to consent to their providing 1000 pieces of fine Long Cloth, 2000 pieces of midling Longcloth, & 8000 ℔^{s} of Wariapollam L. Cloth by way of a few fine goods for their Encouragement, w^{ch} we think is not of much signification all things consider'd, M^{r}. Jennings Yo^{r} Dep: Gov^{r}. return'd thither with 40000 pag^{s} to carry on the Investment there a few days after the Hannover and Godfrey were sai[ld] from this place, and we cannot but do him The just[ice...] has been very active and diligent in Ex[...] in a large [*one line lost*].

19. In the 50th parag^{h}. of our letter by the Godfrey we gave Y^{r} Hon^{rs}. some hopes of our being able to prevail wth the Chity merc^{ts}. to resign The Paper of Security taken from them on account of their revolt to S^{t}. Thoma, the next day after the departure of Y^{r} Ships Godfrey & Han^{r} we calld upon them in consultation for That purpose, they than desir'd time to Consider of it, and a few days after when we Call'd upon them again, instead of giving us a definitive answer, they desir'd leave to deliver in a paper of remonstrance concerning the differences w^{ch} happe'd between the Quomity's and the Chitty's about 4 years ago, we suppose this was done wth a design to Evade as much as possible their coming To a Complyance, however we did not think it proper To refuse them the doing it, tho' have not as yett deliverd it in, when it Comes before us, wee shall be very cautious how we act in so Critical an Affair, the drift of it, we suppose being intended only to revive the Grounds and Occasions of y^{t} quarrell, wth the reasons formerly given in their defence that so by Endeavouring To obtain and assert the justness of that Cause on their side, they might insinuate the little reason there was for taking that paper of security from them before, and Consequently how little There is for Insisting upon it now.

20. In our Coñs of the 17th of Oct^{r}. last, Our Warehousekeeper acquainted us that the dyers refus'd to undertake to dye the remainder of the long cloth contracted for in March $17\frac{18}{19}$ and in June 1719 att the former rate of 8 pag^{s} ℔^{r} Cordge unless we would advance the prices 50℔' C^{t} on account of the Indigo and other Ingredients bearing a proportionable price. Our W H Keeper further represented that there were about 2500 ℔^{s} of Cloth remaining in y^{e} Godowns w^{ch} should have been deliver'd the dyers by his predecessor many months before, when those Commodities were not so scarce and dear, and this we would not but think a very great piece of neglect in the former Warehousekeeper, tho' we were under a necessity of Consenting to advance the prices, as knowing they were [advancd] ab[out] 50℔^{r} C^{t} when they Insisted on it,

[21]. [...]ill take due Care to reduce [*Two lines lost*]. Remorse to that affair was their being in a manner Oblig'd to accept the broad Cloth on hand in part of payment for their Goods as the others us'd to do, they pretended that att pres^{t} there was little or no vent for that Commodity in The Country, and y^{t} it would be almost a dead loss to them for this reason (w^{ch} we knew to be too just) we thought it proper to Exempt them from taking of any broad Cloth, till the shiping Expected in July next should arrive, reserving w^{t} is now upon hand for the 2 setts of Merch^{ts}. y^{t} Contracted in Feb^{ry}. last.

22. In our letter by the Godfrey we gave Yo^{r} Hon^{rs}. some account of the state of the country Government the 2 Sied Brothers at that time had in a manner gott the whole Empir[e] into their possession, the Young Prince call'd Mahomet Sha[h] whom they had set up as a Competitor for the Kingdom, Finding at length that he was in Effect but little better then a Fool made use of by them to accomplish some Dark design, & recollecting how many of the Royall Family they had Vilanously betrayd and Murderd, he formd a resolution To cut them of[f] by Stratagem, w^{ch} he brought

about in The ffollowing manner, The 2 Sied Brothers had no sooner gott the Power into their own hands then They began to Exercise the regal Authority, and to place and displace as they saw occasion, amongst others they turn'd out Chickley Cawn who was Nabob of the Hugean Countrey, and order'd him To Court, but he refus'd To Comply and wrote To the Rashbootes to desire their Assistance, whereupon they sent him 15000 horse, and a Lack of Rupees to defray his Charges, advising him att the same time to go and take possession of Aurengabad and seize upon Allum Alle Cawn (who was deputed Gov^{r}. there by Hussenally Cawn when he went from thence to Court) Chickley Cawn did accordingly, after he had kill'd Allum Alle Cawn in the dispute, he then reinforc'd his army, and Call'd in all the auxiliary Troops that were in the service of the Rajahs of the Connata Country, wth this united strenght he march'd Towards Agra to Encounter the 2 Brothers, who were raising at y^{e} same Time all the recruites they could possibly gett togather, the [Rashbootes in] great Numbers joi[n]d the former, and the Mora [...] when C[hick]lys Cawn was advanced [*one line lost*] invited the King t[o] [*one line lost*]. But att the same Time he sent a private message To Chickleys Cawns Brother, who lay att a little distance from Agra with 15000 Horse, to assure him he was heartily Espous'd to the Interest of Chickly's Cawn, and that he might not fail of a favourable oppertunity to cut of Sied Hussanally Cawn, if he would follow his directions, and come To him in his Tent where Hussanally Cawn would be wth him, whenever the Army's mett, accordingly The next day There was a private Conference held between them, and as they were walking togather the Younge King gave Chicklys Cawns Brother the private signal in his Ear, upon w^{ch} he immediately drew His [Scymitre] & kill'd Hussanally Cawn, the King then dispatchd back 10000 horse To Agra, to seize and Confine Abdulla Cawn, who remaind there to secure their retreat, in case of any accident, but he being apprizd of what had hapned, and of the Kings design against him march'd away to Dilly with 25000 Horse, before those forces could reach him The King hearing of his Escape, dispatch'd away 30000 Horse under the Command of Mahumud Amean Cawn, To attack him there, and he himself followed soon after, with a force w^{ch} joyn'd wth the Rashboots, consisting of 100000 more, but before The King came up Mahumud Amean Cawn, had defeated Abdulla Cawn, and taken him prisoner when the King came to Dilly he orderd him to be cut to pieces forthwith, His place of Grand Vizier he gave to Mahumud Amean Cawn, as a reward for that Extraordinary service, and the Place that Sied Hussenally Cawn possess'd w^{ch} was the Subahship or Princepality of Aurengebad he Gave to Checkly Cawn, but we are lately advis'd that Mahumud Amean Cawn chusing To serve the King in the military, rather then the Civil way, and being better qualified for it, as having been educated in the army, The King made him Generalissimo of His Forces, and Gave the post of Grand Vizier To his Favourite Chickley Cawn, who was the Chief Instrument of this laste Revolution.

23. In the 45th parg of our letter by The Godfrey we gave yo^{r} Hon^{rs} some Hopes of the return of Plenty from the prospect we then had of [wind] and seasonable monsoon by the large quant[ity...] Early fallen, we have now the pleasure To [. . .] have succeeded, Even [*one line lost*] Grain is fallen above one hunderd ℔ C^{t} Rice w^{ch} was [formerly] att 80 pag^{s} ℔ Garse now selling for no more then 39 [...] being reduc'd in proportion, This return of Plenty would Certainly restore the trade of this place, to its former Life, were [it] not for the too just apprehension of Pirates in these seas, w^{ch} discourages the greatest part of our Merchants and Inhabitants from Venturing their Estates abroad, at so precarious a juncture, the ill convenience ariseing from this misfortune is but too obvious; Our sea and land Customs must inevitably sink, unless that evil is remov'd, w^{ch} wee think cannot be done Very soon if yo^{r} Presid^{t} and Council of Bombay shou'd fail in The Expedition Lately Set on foot.

24. The seasonable rains we have had Will undoubtedly have The desird Effect wth regard to letting out the Villages at Egmore, &c^{t} and the Fishery to farm, as for the Latter we have been oblig'd to let it lye altogather useless ever since it was rejected by the rentors, The former was Committed to the Care of M^{r}. Stephen Newcome, one of yo^{r} Covenanted Serv^{ts}, who has been very industrious in the

management of it as yo^r Hon^rs may be pleasd to observe, when he brings in the account of its produce, considering the disadvantages that Farm has for these four years past lain under.

25. In our letter by the Godfrey we Told yo^r Hon^rs that we intended, to set about inventing some new method wherby our charges might be retrench'd, so soon as the ships then about to depart were saild, as beleiving by that time, we shou'd be pretty well disengag'd from business, Notwithstanding we have since by one accident or other had our hands pretty full We have several times seriously thought upon the business you propos'd, but we find it a thing impracticable to fix any Stint or Limit To the disburstments of our Paymaster, or the Expences of our Steward, on account of Unforeseen accidents, y^t will inevitably happen, Tho we cannot tell at what time, & the case must undoubtedly be the same w^th respect to our subordinates. Our President never fails To give The Paymaster the necessary injunctions att proper times, in regard To frugality, and he frequently himself inspects the Stewards accounts, which [we think] is the most y^t can be done att present besides we [. . .] charges in both begin to decrease, and from [. . .] shall in time be able [*one line lost*] Very considerably increas'd by so doing) He means w^th respect to the article of Europe Liquors, which is a prohibition laid upon none of your servants in any of Yo^r Principal Settlem^ts besides our selves (as we can learn). Our late President M^r. Collet was so discourag'd at the receipt of y^t Order, that had he not been determind to go for England so soon after, he was fully resolv'd on that account to throw up the Table intirely: but our now President M^r. Hastings, is desirous of supporting it as much as Possible, Tho w^th so great a disadvantage to himself; as being very unwilling to do any Thing that may tend to the deminution of y^r Credit, whilst he has the Hon^r to continue in yo^r Service.

26. On the 22^d of September M^r. Thomas Bulckley Sen^r Merchant, deliverd us in a Petition desiring leave to lay down yo^r Service, and return for England w^ch we granted, Accordingly, and he takes his passage on the Duke of Cambridge, we Supply'd his place of head Searcher at the Sea gate, by placing M^r. James Hubbard There.

27. On The 26^th of Sep^r last, Died M^r. Charles Davers One of Yo^r Covenanted Servants, he left a Will w^ch was prov'd in Consultation the Same day, Wherein he appointed Mess^rs. Sitwell and Oadham his [Excecutors].

28. On the 17 of Nov^r the Commissioners appointed to Examin into the dispute between yo^r Hon^rs and M^r. Chitty concerning M^r. Raworths affairs, deliverd us in a Petition desiring y^t. Mess^rs. Burlu, Berriman & Cap^n. D. Morgan and Ensign Caudel, might be orderd up from Fort S^t. David, to answar to some Interrogatorys Necessary on y^t occasion, we comply'd w^th their request and Wrote for them accordingly, they are now upon the Place, and will return, so soon as they have accomplish'd The business they came upon; tho' we beleive it will not be done in time for the Commissioners to transmit a full account To you of their proceedings before The departure of these ships, if not, we hope it will be compleated soon Enough to be sent you by the Bridgwater.

29. Having receivd an order by the last ships from Edward Harrison and [Osmand B]eavoir Esq^rs and the Rev^d George Lewis Executors to the Estate of Mary Fleetwood, deceas^d to remit them the [. . .] of that Estate by bills of [. . .][. . .] have Accordingly [*one line lost*].

30. We have given permission To Marcus Moses Free Merchant to come home upon the Mary, we have also ℔mitted M^r. Thomas Theobalds free Merchant to Embark w^th his Family upon the Derby, on Whom takes his passage M^r Edward Bell, we have also granted Major John Roach ℔mission To take his passage w^th his family, on board y^e Cardonnel and we must do him the justice To Say, that he has been an old and Faithfull Servant To Yo^r Hon^rs.

31. In our Consultation of the 22^d Ultimo M^r John Hill Y^r late chief of Mocha, delivered us in a petition desiring leave to Embark for England, our ℔sident thereupon took occasion to Enquire of him concerning The manner of his leaving that

place, and whether, he had a Certificate to produce for his discharge from yo^{r} Hon^{rs}. Service, we thought this necessary To be done upon acc^{t}. of our having heard, that a Supra Vizor was sent thither from Bombay to inspect into his management, who died soon after his arrival, and in all probability before he could Effect the business he went upon, in answer thereto M^{r}. Hill declard that he laid down the Comp. Service, as many other[s] of their Servants had done, or might do, and that M^{r} Say who succeeded cheif there did wth himself Sign the books of accounts interchangeably, upon delivering the Ballance of the Cash over to him, M^{r}. Hill however promis'd to commit these reasons to paper, against the next consultation, when they were receiv'd and read, but y^{e} board judging them to be disrespectfull, suspended giving their answar to his request till the next Consultation, when he came and made an Apology, for what we took amiss, and thereupon we consented to lett him go for England, he takes his passage on your Ship Mary.

32. On Generall Books consultations & Other Necessary papers come by one Of these conveyances, as also Our answ^{r} to y^{r} Accomptants letter last receiv'd.

33. Several of y^{r} servants having occasion to remit mony home, by this oppertunity, and desiring liberty to pay it i[n]to Your Cash, we comply'd wth their request, and have given them bills on yo^{r} Hon^{rs}. for [the] same [a]t the usual Exchan[g]e which are as follows Viz—

[*Two lines lost.*]

Brought over Pag^{s}.	5381	15	62
1, 2 & 3^{d} Bill dated Nov^{r} 9th to the Minister and Church Wardens on acc^{t} of y^{e} Estate of M^{rs}. Mary Fleetwood deceas'd payable to Edward Harrison and Osmond Beavoir Esq^{rs} and the Rev^{d} George Lewis or order for Pag^{s} two thousand two hundred forty six thirteen fanams & 25 Cash at 9^{s} ℔ pagoda	2246	13	25
1, 2 & 3^{d} bill dated Dec^{r} 29th to M^{r} Randal Fowke payable to John Freeman of Tawley Court Esq^{r} or order for Pag^{s} three thousand six hundred forty three ten fanams and seventy five Cash at 9^{s} ℔ Pag.	3643	10	75
1, 2 & 3 bill dated Janu^{ry} 3^{d} to Major John Roach payable to himself or order for pag: Eight thousand at 9^{s} ℔ Pagoda.	8000	—	—
1, 2 & 3^{d} bill dated Jan^{y} 9th to M^{rs} Diana Robson payable to Capt: Matthew Martin or order for pag^{s} two hunderd fifty three twenty four fanams & 42 Cash at 9^{s} ℔ pagoda.	253	24	42
1, 2 and 3 bill dated Jan^{y} 9th to M^{r} Thomas Wright payable to M^{r} Robert Lacy in Mark Lane or order for pag^{s} Eighty Eight and 32 fanams at 9^{s} ℔ pag.	88	32	—
1, 2 & 3^{d} bill dated Janu^{ry} 9th To Francis Hastings Esq^{r} Payable to Thomas Pitt of Old Sarum Esq^{r} or order for pag^{s} two Hundred twenty nine 1 fanam and forty Cash at Nine Shillings per pagoda	229	1	40
1, 2 & 3^{d} bill dated Jan^{ry} the 9th To M^{r}. Richard Benyon payable To M^{r} John Legg or Order for pag^{s} ten thousand at 9^{s} ℔ pag.	10000	—	—
1, 2 & 3 bill Jan: 9th to Natt^{ll}: Turner Jun^{r}: payable to Natha^{ll}: Turner Sen^{r}. for P twelve hundred at 9^{s} ℔ pag.	1200	—	—

1, 2 & 3d bill dated Jany 9th to Mr Richard Benyon payable to Mr Thomas Bulkley for Pas: twelve hundred & fifty at 9s ℔ pag.	1250	—	—
1, 2 & 3 bill dated Jany 9th to Mrs Diana Robson payable to Mrs Frances Walker for Pag: One hundred and Eighty Seaven fanams and 77 Cash at 9s ℔ pag.	180	7	77
1, 2 & 3 bill dated Jany 9th to Mr Richard Benyon payable To Mr Thos Maule or order for pagodas seaven hundred seventy three 3 fa: [57] Cash at 9s ℔ pa.	773	3	57
1, 2 & 3 bill dated Jany [. . .] To [Mr.] [Theo]balds payable to him [. . .] [10000] at 9s ℔r pag.	10000	—	—
[*Two lines lost.*]			
1, 2 & 3 bill dated Jany ye 9th to Mr Richard Horden and Capt: Alexander Fullerton payable to Mrs Jane Skirwin or order on account of Charles Skirwin deceasd for pags one Thousand at 9s ℔ pagoda.	1000	—	—
1, 2 & 3 bill dated Jany ye 9th to Capt William Mawson payable to himself or order for P: 329 at 9s ℔ Pags.	329	—	—
1, 2 & 3 bill dated Jany ye 9th to Mr Richard Horden payable To Mr William Dawkins or order for pagodas one hundred and Eleven & four fanams at 9s ℔r pag.	111	4	—
1, 2 & 3d bill dated Jany 12th to Mr. Richd Benyon payable to Mr. Thos. Bulckley or order for Pagodas twelve hundred and fifty at 9s ℔ pags.	1250	—	—
1, 2 & 3 bill dated January the 9th to Mr Richard Benyon payable to John and Isabella Teshmaker or order for pags Eight hundred and six & 12 fan: at 9s ℔ pag.	806	12	—
Pagodas	50742	17	58

34. We cannot as yett give yor hons any account of your affairs upon the West Coast more then what was transmitted you by ye Godfrey having not heard any thing from thence since that time, Mr Pike had strict orders to dispatch the George Brigantine to us immediately upon his arrival there and it is now upwards Of four months since his departure from this place, we suppose the Hartford will bring us yor possitive determination concerning the resetling Fort Marlborough we know not what to say, concerning that ships being Absent so long.

35. We are Glad to be able to acquaint yor Hons at length of yor ship Bridgwaters arrival from Canton on the 9th Instant, she has brought a large quantity of Tuthenague, some Tea of Different sorts, about one thousand pecull of Allum, a few silks, and a little Gold, we shall dispose of such of the goods here, as we think will turn to most advantage, sending the rest to ye Bay, and reserving the Tea for the Europe Market, Mr. Sommers the Chief Supra Cargoe died in his passage hither from Canton, Messrs Morton & Carter are a[rriv'd] there safe, we have orderd Capt W[ilki]nson the Commander to use all Possible dilligence in Shif[t . . .] getting her in a readyness to take in a [. . .] [. . .] dispatch her in time to sail [*one line lost*] in Company, But the Duke of Cambridg and Derby being likewise in a readyness to sail as soon, We have determin'd that they shall

all goe togather for their mutual security, Especially since there are Pirates supposd to be lying in wait to intercept them in their way, The Commanders of the several ships, in order for their better security have apply'd to us for about 25 soldiers each promising to leave them either at the Cape or S^{t} Helena, to be returnd to us by the Outward bound shipping, but upon Examination into the state of our Military we find that instead of being Able to spare them one Hundred Europeans on this Occasion, we very much want A recruit of double that Number, and therefore must desire Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} to supply us the first Oppertunity.

36. When Cap^{t} John Powney was about to go for Siam in our Ship Britannia this last Voyage we advanced him twelve hundred pagodas (being what the China Junk produc'd at outcry here) and gave him power at the same time to accommodate the dispute about that Vessel (with the BarcoLong of Siam) in the best Manner he was able. He has since his arrival deliverd us in an account of his having put an end to that affair for the sum of pagodas Two thousand four hundred and fifty and taken a discharge for the same, wherefore we have paid him One thousand two hundred and fifty pagodas more, which togather with the twelve hundred before advanc'd him makes up the sum of two thousand four hundred and fifty pagodas, we thought proper to signify the same to Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} as soon as possible, because that the money that was deposited in your Cash here (w^{ch} the China Junk & Cargo produc'd) was divid[ed], amongst the proprietors Before Cap^{t} Powney arriv'd so that the aforemention'd sum of Pag^{s} 1250 must be deducted out of the produce of the Tea, w^{ch} was rec^{d}. and sold by you in England.

37. Since the foregoing part of this Letter was wrote we have receivd advices from M^{r} Adams at Callicut under Date of the 27th of December [i]nclosing a declaration of one Cap^{t} Fauke [who was taken by the] Pirates in a small Vessel of that Place [. . .] four days on board the [*one line lost*] After that was accomplish'd to return to their Comrades at Madagascar, there to refit and from thence to go to the Southseas, the ship in Company wth the Cassandra formerly belong'd to the French, and is calld the Victoria command[ed] by one Tayler, the Commanders name of the Cassandra is Seager, and the Quarter master of both these ships is Call'd Cap^{t} England, the Victoria is said to be very leaky, and the Cassandra very foule they were both short of fresh provisions, but it is said they have been very plentyfully supply'd at Cochin and we have no little reason to beleive that report to be true since they publickly declare they will not meddle wth any ships belonging to the Dutch, Our ship William from the Bay, bound to Persia, very lately had a Fortunate Escape, having been chasd by them So closely near Cochin, that she was obligd to run ashoar there. But it is not apprehended she is in much Danger the ground there being very soft and Oozy, Cap^{t} Fauke assures us that the Pirates are very scanty of Powder, so that togather with the Other disadvantages which they now lye under, it is to be hop'd they will shortly be oblig'd to return to Madagascar. But even then the misfortune is not likely to Cease, there being by his account an other Ship of Forty Guns refitting at Mayotta w^{ch} in all probabilyty will be with us th' Ensuing season, so that we are likely to be [continually] infested wth some or other of these rogues untill we can have some assistance of men of War from Europe, to destroy them utterly, we have taken all the methods we cou'd think of to Secure our ships now abroad, and have Lodg'd letters of advice at Gaule, where those from the Bay intend to Call, and Mess^{rs}. Adams and Gyfford yo^{r} Chiefs upon the Malabar Coast have been very assisting to us upon this occasion, as well in sending us perticular accounts of all that hapned in relation to the Pyrates where tney are as also in taking Care to lodge intelligence at Gaule & Columbo, for the security of such ships as shall touch there for advice, or otherwise.

38. We have press'd our merchants very much to give us in a list of broad Cloth to be sent from England Chiefly to be taken off by them as usuall, but we cannot possibly prevail wth them to Engage For any quantity at pr[es]ent, tho we hope to bring them to a Complyance in time to [send] the [. . . .] Bridgwater.

39. [. . .] wch. we send upon [*one line lost*] and forty Cash. Ship Mary's Invoice amounts to Pagods one hundred thirty seven thousand Eighty four 12 fan: forty Eight Cash & Capt: Richard Holdens register of goods by her to Pags. two thousand three hundred thirty two. Ship Duke of Cambridg's Invoice amounts To Pags Ninety Five Thousand nine hundred sixty Four, 14 Fan: 29 Cash. and Capt Daniell Small's register by her to Rupees seven thousand and Forty and pagodas two thousand Five hundred & Ten. Ship Derbys Invoice amounts to Pagodas One hundred & thirteen thousand one hundred sixty four 3 fan: 54 Cash and Capt: William Fitzhugs Register by her to Rupees six thousand 9 hun: 72. 4 annas & pags 3 thou six hundred and Eight, twelve fans & twenty three Cash Register of Diamonds by the Cardonnel amts to Pags. six thousand four hundred thirty one 11 fa: 19 Cash, by the Mary to Pag. seven thousand, seven hundred sixty one, Eight fan: 70 Cash by the Duke of Cambridg to Pag 8253: 35: 42 by the Derby to Pags 20675. 0. 52.

40. Mr Symonds's reasons for not Complying with his Contract as refer'd to in Our answer to yor Accomptts letter were annext to one that was sent us from Vazagapatam Decr 23d 1714. A Copy whereof you have already recd in our letter book, and therefore there is no Occasion to send another.

41. As [w]ere reading this letter yesterday in the afternoon, in order to sign it Yr Ship Hartford Capt Nelle came to an Anchor in this road, we open'd Yor Packet by her this morning and perus'd yor short letter to us under date [*lacuna*] as Also a Copy of yor letter to the West Coast, we immediately form'd a resolution to dispatch her hence in Company wth the Bridgwater and shall use all possible dilligence in the Loading them, that we may be able to gett them both in a readyness to sail wth the French ships from Pondicherry.

42. We are advisd b[y t]he Hartford that there is not a [peace wch] Spain actually declar'd, but only a [*some words lost*] as well as that of the [*one line lost*] the [. . .] them all amount to a very considerable Value no less then Four hundred thousand Pags & upwards, we wish them a safe & speedy passage to your Honrs. & are with unfeigned truth.

Honble.
Faithfull Humble. Servants.
Fras Hastings.
Richd Horden.
Thos Cooke.
Randll. Fowke.
Nathll. Turner.
Richd Benyon.
Jno. Emmerson.
Josa. Draper.
Thos. Wright.

Fort St George
20th January 1720/21.

Letter to Captain Daniell Small, dated January 20, 1721. [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, pp. 55-57*].

To Capr. Daniell Small
Commr of Ship Duke of Cambridge.

Sr

Your ship being fully laden you are hereby order'd to repair on board her, to set sail & make the best of your way for the Port of London where when you arrive you are to deliver our Pacquet (deliver'd you in a box as directed) to the Honble. the Court of Directors for affairs of the Honble. United Comp[y] of Merchts. of England tr[ading] to the East Indies to whom yr Ship goe[s consigned or in case] you should first [*one line lost*]

If you should touch at S^{t}. Helena in your way for refreshment you must come to an anchor before you open with Chappell Valley near Mundens Point where you must send a Shore to give the Gov^{r} intelligence who you are & whence you came, because he has ord^{rs} to fire at any strange Ship that endeavours to pass that point before he knows who & whence they are & it's uncertain whether those ord^{rs}. are as yet Countermanded.

We enjoyn you to avoid all ship's at Sea if possible, unless you have signall's concerted for your mutuall security for fear of Pirates & other unforeseen dangers.

It's the desire of our Hon^{ble}. Mast^{rs} if you touch at the Cape you'l endeavour to procure such seeds & plants as are proper for the Soil & Climate of S^{t} Helena & carry them to the Gov^{r}. & Councill who will readily reimburse you the Charges this is a great peice of service to the publick & ther[e]fore we doubt not but you will have it in mind.

We enjoyn you to keep a good look out when you come near the Channell of England to trust no Colours & to stay as little while in the Downs as possible least there may be danger from some Rovers under Sweedish Colours & Commissions as also from the Spaniards who are at variance with us & have begun [to seize] our Ship's.

The [Mary] Derby, & Cardonnell [being fully laden are] dispatcht with [*one line lost*] with Comm^{rs} are to give such ord^{rs}. & signall's to the rest of the ship's which may seem to you most for your mutuall security always remembring our Hon^{ble} Mast^{rs}. estates are liable to suffer by any disagreement that may happen in the Voyage. Dated in Fort S^{t}. George this 20th January 1720/21.

LETTER TO CAPTAIN RICHARD HOLDEN, DATED JANUARY 20, 1721. [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, pp. 57–58*].

To Cap^{t}. Rich^{d}. Holden
Comm^{r}. of Ship Mary.

Sr

Your ship being fully laden you are hereby ord^{d}. to repair on board her, to set sail & make the best of your way for the Port of London where when you arriv[e] you are to deliver our pacquet (deliver'd you in a box as directed) to the Hon^{ble}. Court of Directors for affairs of the Hon^{ble}. United Comp^{a}. of Merch^{ts}: of England trade^{s}. to the East Indies, to whom your Ship goes consign'd, or in case you should first arrive at any other Port of Great Brittain, we ord^{r}. you to forward our Pacquet by your purser as aforenamed with all Convenient speed.

If you should touch at S^{t}. Helena in your way for refreshment you must come to an anchor before you open with Chappell Valley near Mundens Point, where you must send a shore to give the Gov^{r}. intelligence who you are & whence you came because he has ord^{rs}. to fire at any st[ra]nge ship that endeavours to pass that Point before he knows who & when[ce they are] & 'ts uncertain whether th[ose orders are yet countermanded] [. . .] concerted for your mutuall security for fear of Pirates & other unforeseen Dangers.

It's the desire of our Hon^{ble} Mast^{rs}. if you touch at the Cape, You'l endeavour to procure such seeds & plants as are proper for the soil & Climate of S^{t} Helena & carry them to the Gov^{r} & Councill who will readily reimburse you the Charges, this is a great peice of service to the publick & therefore we doubt not but you will have it in mind.

We enjoyn you to keep a good look out when you come near the Channell of England to trust no Colours & stay as little while in the Downs as possible least there may be danger from some Rovers under Sweedish Commissions & Colours as also from the Spaniards who are at variance with us & have begun to take our Ships.

The Duke of Cambridge, Derby & Cardonnell, being fully laden are dispatcht with you & seeᵍ. the danger you run of meetᵍ. with Pirates in your Voyage home, we strictly ordʳ. you to go together & not break Compᵃ. if possible to be avoided & to follow the ordʳˢ. & observe the signall's Capᵗ Small shall make to you for your mutuall security always remembring our Honᵇˡᵉ. Mastʳˢ. estates are liable to suffer by any disagreemᵗ. that shall happen in the Voyage. Dated in Fort Sᵗ. George this 20ᵗʰ January 1720/21.

LETTER TO CAPTAIN WILLIAM FITZHUGH, DATED JANUARY 19, 1721. [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, pp. 59-60*].

To Capᵗ. William Fitzhugh
Commander of Ship Derby

Sʳ

Your ship being fully Laden, you are hereby Orderd to repair on Board her, to set sail, and make the best of your Way for the Port of London, where when you arrive you are to deliver our Pacquett (deliver'd You in a Box) as directed to the Honᵇˡᵉ. the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Hon̄. United Compᵃ. of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies, to whom your ship goes Consign'd, or in case you should first arrive at any other Port of Great Britta[in] We order you to forward our Pacquett by your Purser as aforesaid with all convenient speed.

If you should touch at Sᵗ. Hellena in your way for refreshment, you must come to an Anchor before you open with Cappell Valley near Mundens Point, where you must send ashore to give yᵉ Govʳ. intelligence who you are and whence you came, because he has Orders to fire at any strange Ships, that endeavours to pass that Point, before he knows who, and whence they are, and its uncertain whether those Orders are as yet countermanded.

We enjoyn you to avoid all ships at sea if possible, unless you have signalls concerted for your mutuall security, for fear of Pyrates & other unforeseen dangers.

It's the desire of our Honᵇˡᵉ. Masters if you touch at the Cape, you will endeavour to procure such Seeds and Plants, as are proper for the soil & Climate of Sᵗ. Hellena & carry them to the Govʳ. & Councill who will readily reimburse [you] yᵉ Charges, this is a great peice of service to the publick and therefore [we doubt not but you] will have it in mind.

[We] enjoyn you to keep a good look out wh[*one line lost*] be danger from some rovers under Sweedish Colours and Commissions, as also from the Spaniards, who are at Variance with us, and have begun to take our Ships.

The Duke of Cambridge, Mary and Cardonnell being fully Laden are Dispatch'd with You and seeing the danger you run of meeting with Pyrates in your Voyage home, We strictly order you to go together and not break Company if possible to be avoided, and to follow the Orders and observe the Signalls Capᵗ Small shall make to you for your mutuall security, always remembring our Hon̄. Masters Estates are liable to suffer by any disagreement that shall happen in the Voyage. Dated in Fort Sᵗ. George this 19ᵗʰ day of Janʳʸ. 1720/21.

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
RICHARD HORDEN.
THOMAS COOKE.
RANDALL FOWKE.
NATHANIELL TURNER.
RICHARD BENYON.
JOHN EMMERSON.
JOSHUA DRAPER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

LETTER TO CAPTAIN WILLIAM MAWSON, DATED JANUARY 19, 1721. [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, pp. 60-62*].

To Cap^{t}. William Mawson
Command^{r}. of Ship Cardonnell.

S^{r}

Your Ship being fully Laden you are hereby ordered to repair o[n board her to set sail] and make the best [*one line lost*] when you arrive [*one line lost*] Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies to whom your Ship goes Consign'd, or in case you should first Arrive at any other Port of Great Brittain, We order you to forward our Pacquett by your Purser as aforesaid with all convenient speed.

If you should touch at S^{t} Hellena in your way for refreshment, you must come to an Anchor before you open with Chappell Valley near Mundens Point, where you must send ashore to give the Gov^{r}. Intelligence who you are and whence you came, because he has orders to fire at any strange ship that endeavours to pass that Point before he knows who, and whence they are, and it's uncertain whether those Orders are yet countermanded.

We enjoyn you to avoid all Ships at Sea if possible, unless you have Signalls concerted for your mutuall security for fear of Pyrates and other unforeseen dangers.

It's the desire of our Hon$^{\tilde{}}$ Masters if you touch at the Cape, you will endeavour to procure such seeds & plants as are proper for the Soil & Climate of S^{t} Hellena and carry them to the Gov^{r} & Councill, who will readily reimburse you the Charges, this is a great peice of service to the publick, and therefore We doubt not but you will have it in mind.

We enjoyn you to keep a good look out when you come near the Channell of England, to trust no Colours and to stay as little while in the Downs as possible least there may be danger from some rovers under Sweedish Colours & Commissions, as also from the Spaniards who are at variance with Us, and have begun to take our Ships.

The Duke of Cambridge, Mary & Derby being fully L[aden are] Dispatch'd with you and seeing the [danger you run of mee]ting with Pyrates in your Voyage [. . . and not . . . .] [*one line lost*] and observe the Signalls Cap^{t}. Small shall make to You for your mutuall Security always remembring our Hon$^{\tilde{}}$ Masters Estates are liable to suffer by any disagreem^{t}. that shall happen in the Voyage, Dated in Fort S^{t} George this 19th day of Jan^{ry} 1720/21.

Francis Hastings.
Rich^{d}. Horden.
Tho^{s}. Cooke.
Randall Fowke.
Nath^{ll}. Turner.
Rich^{d}. Benyon.
John Emmerson.
Joshua Draper.
Thomas Wright.

LETTER TO EDWARD JOHNSON ESQ., DATED , [. . .].

[*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, p. 62.*]

To the Worsp^{ll}. Edw^{d}. Johnson Esq^{r}.
Gov^{r}. of S^{t}. Helena &c^{t}. Council.

Worsp^{ll}. S^{r}. &c^{t}

The foregoing is Duplicate of what wrote you under [*lacunæ in the original*].

This serves to inclose invoice & bill of Loading for goods put aboard ship Cardonnell amount^{g} to Pag^{s}. [*lacuna in the original*] they are Chiefly what you wrote

for in y^r Letter by the Craggs which is the last we receiv'd from you we are in daily expectation of th[e H]artford from your place by whom if we r[ecei]ve a further list of demands we shall be [sure to] comply with it by the first ship.

We are [. . .]

[Fort S^t. George] [*lost.*]

[. . .]

Letter to Edward Harrison Esq., & others dated January 20, [1721].

[*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, p. 63.*]

To Edw^d. Harrison &
Osmond Beavoir Esq^es.
and the Reverend M^r. George Lewis.

S^rs.

Your Letter dated [*lacuna in the original*] came to our hands the 4^th. July by the D. of Cambridge & have according to your desire theirin paid into the Companys Cash the Ballance of the Widow Fleetwoods Estate deducting what due to her sons here & have taken bills for the same of which the first is inclosed, We are

S^rs
Your very Hum^ble. Servants.

Fra^s. Hastings.
Rich^d. Horden.
Tho^s. Cooke
Rand^ll. Fowke.
Nath^ll. Turner.
Rich^d Benyon.
J. Emmerson.
Jos^a. Draper.
Tho^s. Wright.

Fort S^t. George
20^th January 1720/21.

List of the Pacquet to Great Brittain ℔ D. of Cambridge.

N°				
	Items 1–3 lost.			
4.	M^r. Berlu's report relating to y^e Fort S^t. David Charges.			
5.	Ship D. of Cambridges inv^o. amo^t. to Pag^s	95964	14	29
6.	Dup. of Ship Mary's D^o amo^t. to Pag^s.	137081	12	48
7.	Dup. of Ship Derby's D^o. amo^t. to Pag^s.	113164	3	54
8.	Dup. of Ship Cardonnells D^o. amo^t. to Pag^s.	56076	22	57
9.	Dup. of D^o. .....D^o. to S^t Helena—	912	31	...
10.	Ship of D. of Cambridges bill of Lading.			
11.	Dup. of Ship Mary's D^o.			
12.	Dup. of Ship Derby's D^o.			
13.	Dup. of Ship Cardonnells D^o.			
14.	Abstract of what sent to & rec^d. from the Bay from the P^mo. May 1720 to Ult^o. Dec^br. 1720.			
15.	Acc^tt. the Hon^ble. Comp^rs farms from the 1^st Jan^ry $17\frac{19}{20}$ to 31 Dec^r. 1720.			
16.	Ship Metchlapatam's acc^tt. Curr^tt. dated 2^d Jan^ry. 1720/1.			
17.	Brigantine Young Derby's acc^tt Currant.			
18.	George Brigantine's acc^tt. Curr^tt. dated 2^d January 1720/1.			
19.	Sloop Dartmouth account.			
20.	Acc^t. remains of the import warehouse.			

21. Copy of transfers of the rem^{a}. in the Warehouse & Storehouse from Dec^{br}. 1st. 1719 to Ult^{o}. July 1720.
22. List of Stores wanting for the year 1722.
23. Storekeepers acc^{tt}. rem^{a} to ult^{o}. Dec^{br} 1720.
24. Muster Roll of the 1st Comp^{a}. of Soldiers 1st Dec^{br}. 1720.
25. D^{o}. of the second D^{o}.
26. D^{o}. of the third D^{o}.
27. List of the Gunroom Crew taken 1st Dec^{br}. 1720.
28. Copy of Cap^{t}. Holdens remonstrance.
29. List of the Hon^{ble}. Comp^{ys}. revenues at Fort S^{t}. David.
30. Acc^{tt}. of the Buildings at Fort S^{t}. David.
31. List of the Marriages, Births, & Burrialls at Fort S^{t} Geo^{r}. 1720.
32. List of D^{o}. at Fort S^{t}. David 1720.
33. List of Burrialls at Fort S^{t}. David 1720.
34. List of Debts standing out upon the Generall Books letter S. at Fort S^{t}. David.
35. Register of Diamonds ℔ Hannover amounting to Pag^{s}. 8246: 11: 42.
36. Muster Roll of the three Comp^{a}. of soldiers & Gunroom Crew at Fort S^{t} David.
37. List of Medicines wanting at Fort S^{t} George.
38. D^{o}. at Fort S^{t} David.
39. Muster Roll of Ship Mary's men.
40. Copy of Cap^{t} Holl de]n's register of goods.
41. Copy of Cap^{t}. Small's D^{o}.
42. Copy of Cap^{t}. Fitzhugh's D^{o}.
43. Copy of Cap^{t}. Maws[on's] D^{o}.
44. Cap^{t}. Tho^{s}. Erring[ton's Do.] of Goods ℔ Godfrey.

Items 45–49 lost.

50. Country Letters from 30th July 1720 to 10th Dec^{br}. 1720.
51. Register of Diamonds ℔ Cambridge amo^{t} to Pag^{s}. 8253 35 4[. . .]
52. Dup. of Ship Mary's amo^{t} to—Pag^{s}. 7761 3 7[. . .]
53. List of the Mary's Pacquet.
54. List of the pacquet ℔ D. of Cambridge.

List of Books ℔ D. of Cambridge.

N^{o}. 1. & 2. Fort S^{t} George Journall & Leidger Letter S. commencing [P.^{mo}] May, 1719, Ending Ult^{o}. Aprill 1720.
3. & 4. Fort S^{t}. George Duplicate Journall & Leidger letter R. commencing P^{mo}. May 1718. Ending Ult^{o}. Aprill 1719—
5. & 6 Fort S^{t}. David Journall & Leidger Letter S. D^{o}.
7. & 8. Vizagapatam Journall & Leidger Letter S. D^{o}.
9. S^{t}. Mary's Church Leidger.
10. Sea Customer's Register.
11. List of ships arrivall & Departure.
12. Stewards acc^{tt}. Commencing P^{mo}. January 1719/20.
13. Journall parcells to Ult^{o}. October.
14. Land Customers Register commencing P^{mo}. May 1719 Ending Ult^{o}. Aprill 1720.
15. Mint Book.
16. Diarys & Consultations commencing P^{mo}. January 1719/20.
17. Fort S^{t}. George Letters received D^{o}.
18. Abstract of the Paymasters accounts.
19. Paymasters Account
20. Cash acc^{tt} commence^{s}. 1st Jan^{ry} 1719/20 End^{s} 20th. January 1720/2[1].

List of the Pacquet to Great Brittain ℔ Ship Derby.

No. 1. Generall letter dated 20th. Janry 1720/1.
2. Ship Derby's invoice amot. to Pags. 113164: 3: 54.
3. Bill of Lading of Do.
4. Muster Roll of Ship Derby's Men.
5. Copy of Capt Fitzhugh's dispatch.
6. Capt Wm. Fitzhugh Commr. of Ship Derby his register of Goods.
7. Triplicate of the Accomptants letter.
8. Duplicate of the Cardonnells register of Goods.
9. List of the Pa[cquet].

List [of the Pac]quet to Great Britn.[. . .]

[*Items* 1 & 2 *lost.*]

3. Ship Cardonnells invoice to Great Brittain amountg to Pags. 56076 : 22 : 57.
4. Bill of Lading of Do.
5. Copy of Capt Wm. Mawson's dispatch.
6. Muster Roll of Ship Cardonnell's men.
7. Capt. Wm. Mawson's register of goods.
8. Register of Diamonds ℔ Ship Cardonnell amountg. to pags. 6431: 11: 19.
9. List of the Pacquet.

List of the Pacquet to Great Brittain ℔ Ship Mary.

No. 1. Generall Letter dated 20th January 1720/1.
2. Ship Mary's invoice to Great Brittain amot. to Pags 137084: 12: 48.
3. Dup. of Ship D. of Cambdriges Do. amot. to Pags 95964: 14: 29.
4. Bill of Loading of Ship Mary.
5. Dup. of Ship D. of Cambridges Do.
6. List of the Honble. Compys. Covenanted servants under the Presidency of Fort St. George.
7. Storekeepers account remains.
8. Acctt of the Honble. Compa. farms from 1st Janry. 1719/20 to 31st. Decbr. 1720.
9. Dup. of the Accomptants letter.
10. Dup. of what sent to & received from the Bay from Pmo. May 1720 to Ulto Decbr. 1720.
11. Dup. of Storekeepers List of Demands.
12. Dup. of Mr Hordens remonstrance.
13. Dup. of Capt. Daniell Small Commr of Ship D. of Cambridge his register of Goods.
14. Capt Holden Commr. of Ship Mary his register of goods.
15. Register of Diamonds ℔ Do. amot to Pags. 7761: 8: 70.
16. Receipt for the Pacquet ℔ ship Godfrey.
17. Do. ℔ Ship Hannover.
18. Dup. of Ship Cambridges register of Diamonds.
19. Dup. of the List of the Pacquet ℔ D. of Cambridge.
20. List of the Mary's Pacquet.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 11, 1721. [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, pp. 67–71*].

To the Hon^{ble}. Court of Directors
For affairs of the Hon^{ble}.
United Company of Merchants
of England trading to the East Indies.

Honourable

1. We wrote your Honours very lately under 20th of the last Month by yo^{r} Ships Cardonnel Derby Mary & Duke of Cambridge who were all Dispatch'd together that day & Sail'd in company for Great Brittain the day after this comes by yo^{r} ship Bridgwater in Loading of whom we have us'd the utmost Expedition we were capable of that she might get away in time to save her passage round the Cape, which we doubt not she will Effect: Yo^{r} ship Hartford is likewise in great forwardness & we hope will follow in 10 or 12 days at furtherst. The Commander of the latter represented to us that he thought it would be hazardous to venture round the Cape at so unseasonable a time as it would unavoidably be before he could possible get into the Lattitude of it, whereupon we duly weigh'd and consider'd his Reasons, together wth your Orders in such cases, and upon the whole determin'd to dispatch him directly as you may please to observe in our consultation of the 23^{d} Ultimo we had not indeed a sufficient quantity of Bales in our Warehouse to compleat the Loading of both those ships, and therefore we gave immediate Orders to yo^{r} Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r} & Council of Fort S^{t}. David to send us all the Bales they could get ready, by the safest conveyances they could light of, as thinking it dangerous to send the Hartford thither, lest the setting in of the Southerly Monsoon should render her Passage to that place tedious and consequently endanger it homeward bound.

2. On the 27th Ult^{o} Arriv'd the George Brig^{t}. Cap^{t}. William Middleton from the West Coast with an Account of M^{r} Pyke & his Councils management since their arrival there on her came M^{r}. Joseph Walsh, yo^{r} former Cheif, and M^{r} David Wilson who was surgeon and Ensign of that Factory M^{r} Walsh came over to seek redress from us from the grievances he sustain'd in being suspended by M^{r} Pyke and his Counci[l] for little or no publick reasons as we can find, [w]e examined [hi]m upon that occasion soon after his arrival and find[ing] him make a very full and just vindication of him[self] we co[nsider'd] it with the several Articles of M^{r} Pyke's Accusations ([enumerated in] Letter and Consultations) against him [*some words lost*] whole to reinstate him in yo^{r}. Honours ser[vice . . .] was unjust [*one line lost*] and having serv'd some Years in that station at the West Coast & acquitted himself well in it, we comply'd with his request and our President gave him a com accordingly.

3. We are sorry to acquaint your Hon^{rs}. with the project that M^{r}. Pyke and his Council have form'd of leaving Moco Moco, in order to Re-settle Bencoolen without a sufficient force or proper materials for such an undertaking. It is an attempt that may be attended with very dangerous consequences and carrys with it no less than a very great hazard, of the intire Loss of even that one settlement, which remain'd in your possession, in case of the failure of that undertaking, we think that the conduct of yo^{r}. Dep^{ty} Gov^{r}. and Council the more to blame because they have thereby been guilty of an open violation of our Express Orders which were Incerted in the Letter Sent by them on purpose to prevent the putting in Execution any such rash design, this is all that we think necessary to say upon the subject at Present, being desirous to wait for your positive determination with regard to the West Coast Affairs before we proceed any further we send in our Pacquet by this ship the copys of all the necessary papers in relation to the Affairs between Mess^{rs} Pyke, and Walsh, & the Management of the former there since his arrival.

By the George Brigantine we rec^{d} about 22 Ton of Pepper which we have laden on the Hartford, in the Same manner as we before shipt a quantity on the Godfrey at half Freight, being design'd to be shot in the Hold amongst the Bales. We

permitted y^e^ cap^t^ (on his request) to carry home his Iron Kintelage on his owners Acco^t^ and granted him a quantity of Salt Petre Kintalage in the room of it, to make his ship sail worthy. We should have laden part of that Pepper on this ship Bridgwater, had we not been prevented by the fear of spoiling the quantity of Tea she carrys home, which was part of her China Cargo.

4. So soon as the Mary, Derby, Cardonnel & Duke of Cambridge were saild for Great Brittain we orderr'd a Note to be fix'd at the Sea Gate, to give Notice of our intended sale of the Bridgwater's China Cargo, some days after we put up the Mettals &c^a^ at Outcry where so Extraordinary a price was offer'd for them, particularly for the Tuthenague that we judg'd it more for your Advantage to dispose of it with the rest than send it to the Bay, whereby the risque, and char[ge]s of Freight &c^a^ were prevented, upon making up accoun[ts] with Mess^rs^. [M]oreton and Carter Supra Cargoes, and [compa]ring the prices of their goods with those that came [by the] Dartm[ou]th and Marlbro', we found the former [*some words lost*] and accordingly [*one line lost*] after our Consultation of this day; wherein they give som[e] plausible reasons to Excuse the faults complain'd of, and thereupon we paid them their Comission.

5. In our Copy Book of Letters recd Yo^r^. Hon[rs] will find how little success, Gov^r^. Boon's Fleet have mett with in their Expedition against the pirates, they cam[e] in sight of them about the begining of last month at about 4 Leagues distance from them between Anjengo & Tellicherry but to our great surprise were out sail'd by the Pyrates, insomuch that they lost sight of them in a very short time, and we have not heard of them since.

6. We acquainted Yo^r^. Hon^rs^. in our Last Letter of our Examining M^r^ Hill your late of Mocha, on the suspicion our President had of his leaving that settlement in an unwarrantable manner, But that we could not venture to detain him unless some complaint had been made to us against him concerning it. We have since his Departure recd a Letter from yo^r^. President and Council at Bombay, confirming us in that Opinion, & desiring that he might not be permitted to leave this place, till he had given satisfaction to yo^r^. Hon^rs^. & private persons, for sev^ll^. Accounts depending between you and them.

7. Having Occasion for a Surgeon at Vizagapatam we have entertain'd M^r^. Rider who was Doct^r^. of the Bridgwater for that purpose and shall send him thither by the first Oppertunity.

8. We gave permission to M^r^. Thomas Bulkly to come home upon the Duke of Cambridge but being taken suddenly, with some sort of Indisposition, was disappointed of his passage on that ship, and we have now permitted him come upon the Bridgwater.

9. We have granted ℔mission to M^r^ Robert Wooley one of yo^r^. Covenanted servants desig[n'd] for Bencoolen to lay down your service and go for England on the Hartford, his Relations being desirous of his return thither.

10. M^r^ Featham one of your covenanted servants who came out on the Hartford for Bencoolen, dy'd in his passage, we have demanded of the Cap^t^ all his cloaths &c^a^. which he left behind him in Order to dispose of them to reimburse you the ten Pounds you were pleas'd to Advance him, but the Cap^t^ informs us that [he] is Indebted to him much more than the [value] of his Effects.

11. We have at last, tho' with a great deal of [difficulty settl'd] with both our sets of Merch^ts^. [*some words lost*] of Broad Cloth, to be sent from [*one line lost*] up the List of Demands 600 Bales in all and we send it Inclos'd in this packquet.

12. We have receiv'd into yo^r^ Hon^rs^. Cash several sums of Money for Bills of Exchange, which we have Accordingly given and the Particulars are specified as hereafter mention'd Viz^t^.

	Pag^s^	fa	ca
First, second and third Bill dated the 1^st^. Feb^ry^. To M^r^. Tho^s^ Wright for One hundred thirty three pag^s^ twelve fan^s^. payable to Mr. Will^m^. West or Order at 9^s^. ℔ pag^a^.	133	12	0

1st. 2d. & 3d. Bill dated Febry. 1st to Mr. Thos Wright for pagoda's One thousand one hundred and Eleven, 4 fanams payable to the Reverend Mr. Lewis or Ordr. @ 9s ℔ pagas.	1111	4	0
1st. 2d. & 3d Bill dated February 1st to Capt John Powney for pags. One hundred payable to Mrs. Sarah Crossing at 9s ℔ pagas.	100	0	0
1st. 2d. & 3d. Bill dated Febry. ye 8th to Mr. Richd. Rider Pags. Two hundred seventy seven 28 fanams payable to Capt. Edward Williamson or order at 9s ℔ pagas.	277	28	0
1st. 2d. & 3d Bill dated Febry. ye. 8th to Mr John Maubert for Pags. Sixteen thousand payable to Mr. John Chouvell or Ordr at 9s. ℔ pagas.	16000	0	0
1st. 2d. & 3d bill dated February 8th to Mr Richard Benyon for Pags. Eight thousand five hundred fifty four 7 fanams payable to Elihu Trenchfield or Order at 9s. ℔ Pagas.	8554	7	0
1st. 2d. & 3d. bill dated February the 8th To Mr. Richard Benyon for Pags. seven thousand five hundred and forty three 6 fanams payable to Mr. George Morton Pitt or Order at 9s. ℔ pagoda.	7543	6	0
1st. 2d. & 3d. bill dated Febry. the 8th. to Mr. Thomas Cooke for Pags. two hundred & five, twenty 8 fanams & seven Cash Payable to William Gostlin Esqr. or Ordr. at 9s. ℔ Pagas.	205	28	7
1st 2d. & 3d bill dated Febry. the 11th. to Capt Edward Williamson for Pagodas two thousand thirty two, *sic* six fanams forty eight Cash payable to the said Capt Edward Williamson Account of the Estate of Mr John Summers decod at 9s. pagoda.	2632	6	48
[T]o G Draper payable to Richd Morton ...	2400		
To Jno Maubert payable to Jno Chouvell ...	2216		
To G Draper payable to Thos Carter ...	4878		

13. We acquainted you in our Last Letter that Mr. Summers Cheif Supra Cargo of the Bridgwater dy'd in his passage from China to this place he left a will which was prov'd in Council this day & therein he desir'd Capt. Edward Willia[m]son the Commander and Mr Massy the Cheif[m]ate to take c[ar]e of his Effects We have therefore [paid] Mr Summer's share of the Commission on the [said] carg[o to] them.

The Invo[ice . . .] Bridgwater amounts to [*two lines lost*] as well as success to all your affairs in Generall [&] are with all due deference and esteem.

HONOURABLE
Yor faithfull humble. Servant[s]

FRA: HASTINGS.
RICHD. HORDEN.
THOMAS COOKE.
RANDLL. FOWKE.
NATHANLL. TURNER.
RICHD. BENYON.
JNO. EMMERSON.
JOSHUA DRAPER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

FORT ST GEORGE
FEBRY THE 11TH. 1720/1.

LETTER TO EDWARD JOHNSON ESQ., DATED FEBRUARY 11, 1721 [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, p. 73*].

To the Worsp^ll. Edw^d. Johnson Esq^r.,
Gov^r. of S^t. Helena &c^t. Council

Worsp^ll. S^r. &c^t.

We wrote you Lately ℔ Cardonnell a Dup. of which went ℔ Mary to accompany invoice & bill of Load^g. for goods then sent you we have reperused your letter ℔ the Hartford & find that most of the Goods you then demanded were sent you by the Cardonnell which is the reason that they do not come by the Bridgewater, by which we send you one Leager of Arrack & thirteen baggs of sugar as ℔ Invoice & bill of Loading inclosed & the remainder of what you wrote for shall be sent by the Hartford who will follow in few days.

Before your letter by the Hartford was open'd we had sign'd the Cap^ts. Dispatches wherefore we could make no alteration theirin relating to their carrying you plants & Garden seeds to the value of five pounds & n[o] more as you desire but we have taken Care in Cap^t. Williamson's dispatches (& we shall do the same in Cap^t. Nelly's) [to] leave out that Paragraph relating thereto for fear of y^r being over stockt & we shall not insert it again till we dispatch our late shipping in the latter end of th[e] year.

We have rec^d. the Portugeze Sold[ier] by the Hartford & observe the acc^tt. you give of him we shall take care to keep him strictly to his duty that his villanies may not be attended with the consequence[s] you were apprehensive of we are.

Worsp^ll. S^r. &c^a.,
Your very hum^ble Servants
Fra^s. Hastings.
Rich^d. Horden.
Tho^s. Cooke.
Rand^ll. Fowke.
Nath^ll. Turner.
Rich^d. Benyon.
Jn^o. Emmerson.
Jos^a. Draper.
[Thomas Wright.]

Fort S^t. George,
11^th February 1720/1.

LETTER TO EDWARD JOHNSON ESQ., DATED FEBRUARY 17, 1721 [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, p. 74*].

To the Worsp^ll. Edw^d. Johnson Esq^r.
Gov^r. of S^t. Helena &c^t. Council

Worsp^ll. S^r. &c^t.

The accompanying letter is Copy of our last by the Bridgewater & this serves to inclose invoice & bill of Loading for Goods now sent you ℔ the Hartford amount^s to Pag^s. 727 : 5 : 40 which are what you demanded in your Last list We have not further to add but that we are

Worsp^ll. S^r. &c^a.,
Your very hum^ble. Servants.
Fra^s. Hastings.
Rich^d. Horden.
Tho^s. Cooke.
Rand^ll. Fowke.
Nath^ll. Turner.
Rich^d. Benyon.
Jn^o. Emmerson.
Jos^a. Draper.
Tho^s. Wright.

Fort S^t. George,
17^th Feb^ry. 1720/21.

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO GREAT BRITTAIN ℔ SHIP BRIDGEWATER.

N°. 1. Generall Lett^r. dated 11^th Feb^ry. 1720/21.
2. Inv°. of Ship Bridgewater amo^t. to Pag^s. 91450: 21:34.
3. Inv°. of D°. to S^t. Helena amo^t. to Pag^s. 84 : 32 : 32.
4. Ship Bridgewaters 1^st bill of Lading.
5. List of goods wanting for use & sale in the Imp. Warehouse.
6. Copy of Cap^t Holdens dispatch.
7. List of goods remaining in the Warehouse.
8. Copy of Cap^t. Williamsons di[sp]atch.
9. Muster roll of Ship Brid[gewa]ters men.
10. M^r. Jos. Walsh [. . .] in Co[n]su[l]t[a]tion the 9^th Feb^ry. 17 [...].

[*Items 11 & 12 lost.*]

13. Cap^t. Small's receipt for the Pacquet.
14. Cap^t. Holden's D°.
15. Cap^t. Fitzhugh's D°.
16. Purser of the Cardonnells D°.
17. Fort S^t. George List of Medicines wanting.
18. Extracts of two of the West Coast Consultations.
19. List of Diamonds register'd.
20. List of the Pacquet.

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BOX.

N°. 1. Diary's & Consultations { Commence^s. 20^th Jan^ry. / Ending 11 Feb^ry. } 1720/21.
2. Fort S^t. George Letters sent & received.
3. Acc°. Cash { Commence^s. Pm°. Sep^br. / Ending 11^th Feb^ry. } 1720/21.
4. Journall of Supra Cargoes of Ship Bridgewater.
5. D°. . Leidger.

LETTER TO CAPTAIN EDWARD WILLIAMSON, DATED FEBRUARY 11, 1721. [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, pp. 75-76*].

To CAP^T. EDW^D. WILLIAMSON
COMM^R, OF SHIP BRIDGEWATER.

S^r.

Your ship being fully Laden you are hereby order'd to repair on board her to set sail & make the best of your way for the Port of London where when you arrive you are to deliver our pacquet (deliver'd you in a box as directed) to the Hon^ble Court of Directors for affairs of the Hon^ble. United Comp^a. of Merch^ts. of England trade^s. to the East Indies to whom your ship goes Consign'd or in case you should first arrive at any other Port of Great Brittain we order you to forward our Pacquet by your Purser as aforesaid with all Convenient speed.

If you should touch at S^t. Helen[a on] your way for refreshments you must come to an anchor befor[e] you open with Chappell Valley near [Mundens Po]int where you must send [*a few words lost*] intelligence who [y]ou are [*one line lost*] are & it's uncertain whether those orders are as yet Countermanded.

We enjoyn you to avoid all ships at sea if possible, unless you have signalls concerted for your mutuall security for fear of Pirates & other unforeseen dangers.

We enjoyn you to keep a good look out when you come near the Channell of England to trust no Colours, & to stay as little while in the Downs as possible least there may be danger from some Rovers under Sweedish Commissions and Colours as also from the Spaniards because we have no advises as yet of a peace being concluded. We wish you a prosperous Voyage & Date these in Fort S^{t}. George this 11th of Feb^{ry}. 1720/21.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^{T}. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 18, 1721. *[Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, pp. 76–77]*.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HON^{BLE}
UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND
TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

Our Last addresses to your Hon^{rs}. were by the Bridgewater under date of the 11th instant, she departed hence the 13th with a fair wind, which gives us very great hopes of her saving her passage This comes by your ship Hartford Cap^{t}. Fra^{s}. Nelly Comm^{r}. on whom we have laden Goods to the amo^{t}. of Pag^{s}. 59391 : 18 consign'd [to] your Hon^{rs}. her inv^{o}. for S^{t}. Helena amo^{t}. to Pag^{s}. 727 [5] 40 the Cap^{ts}. register of goods [amounts to Pag^{s} 3873 : 28] & the Register of Diamonds [*one line lost*] the produce of those goods which he brought out on his own account in such goods as he could po[s]sibly get; he has bought a parcell of Cassia Lignum, which he has stow'd in such parts of the ship, as are generally thought to be within the Comm^{rs}. priviledge, however as they are pretty bulkey he did not know for a Certain whether your Hon^{rs}. would be pleas'd to allow him that indulgence or not, wherefore we think ourselves oblidged to say upon the occassion, that as there are none of the aforemention'd goods put into the hold, & Consequently as it can be no detrimeut to your affairs his industry & Care in getting his ship in a readyness to return so soon after his arrivall, deserves some favourable regard.

Nothwithstanding the consider[able] number of bales which have been sent home this Season, we are in a Capacity to acquaint you that we shall have by the end of this mo[nth] so great a quantity of goods on hand as makes up 1570 bales as by our warehousekeepers lis[t] which comes inclosed, so that if the King George had come hither from Borneo to fi[ll] up, we could likewise have dispatcht her home & now we can have the pleasure to tell your Hon^{rs}. that we find at length the Calculate with respect to the number of bales & Tonna[ge] in Feb^{ry}. last very fully answer'd. We conclude th[is] letter with our hearty wishes that all your affairs may be Crown'd with Constant success & the assurance that we are unfeignedly.

HON^{BLE}.
Your faithfull hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.,

18TH FEB^{RY}. 1720/21.
FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

FRA^{S}. HASTINGS.
RICH^{D} HORDEN.
THO^{S}. COOKE.
RAND^{LL}. FOWKE.
NATH^{LL}. TURNER.
RICH^{D}. BENYON.
[JN^{O}. EMMERSON].
[JOS^{A}. DRAPER].
[THO^{S}. WRIGHT].

LETTER TO CAPTAIN FRANCIS NELLY, DATED FEBRUARY 18, 1721. [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, p. 78*].

To Cap^{r}. Francis Nelly
Comm^{r}. of Ship Hartford.

S^{r}.

Your ship being fully Laden you are hereby order'd to repair on board her, to set sail & make the best of your way for the Port of London where when you arrive you are to deliv^{r} our Pacquet (deliver'd you in a box as directed) to the Hon^{ble}. Court of Directors for affairs of the Hon^{ble}. United Comp^{a}. of Merch^{ts}. of England trade^{s}. to the East Indies to whom your Ship goes cs^{d}. or in case you should first arrive at any other Port of Great Brittain we order you to forward our pacquet by your Purser as aforesaid with all convenient speed.

If you should touch at S^{t}. Helena in your way for refreshment you must come to an anchor before you open with Chappell Valley near Mundens point where you must send ashore to give the Gov^{r}. intelligence who you are & whence you came, because he has orders to fire at any strange ship that endeavours to pass that point before he knows who, & whence they are & it's uncertain whether those orders are as yet Countermanded.

We enjoyn you to avoid all ships at sea if possible unless you have signalls concerted for your mutuall security for fear of Pirates & other unforeseen dangers.

We enjoyn you to keep a good look out when you come near the Channell of England to trust no Colours, & to stay as little while in the Downs as possible least there may be danger from some Rovers under Sweedish Commissions & Colours as also from the Spaniards because we have no advices as yet of a peace being Concluded. We wish you a prosperous voyage & date these in Fort S^{t}. George this 18th day of February 1720/[21].

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO GREAT BRITTAIN ℔ SHIP HARTFORD.

N°. 1. Generall Letter dated 18th Feb^{ry} 1720/21.
2. Copy of Bridgewater's D°. dated 11th Feb^{ry}. 1720/21.
3. Inv°. of Ship Hartford amo^{t}. to Pag^{s}. 59391 : 18.
4. Dup. of Bridgewaters D°. amo^{t}. to Pag^{s}. 91450 : 21 : 34.
5. Copy of Ship Hartford's D°. to S^{t}. Helena amo^{t}. to 727 : 5 : 40.
6. Dup. of Ship Bridgewaters D°. to D°. amo^{t}. to 84 : 32 : 32.
7. Bill of Loading of Ship Hartford.
8. Second D°. of Ship Bridgewater.
9. List of Goods remaining in the Warehouse.
10. List of Bales remaining in the Exp^{t}. Warehouse.
11. Copy of the register of Diamonds ℔ Bridgewater.
12. Register of Diamonds ℔ Hartford.
13. Cap^{t}. Nelly's regist^{r}. of goods amo^{t}. to Pag^{s}. 3873 : 28.
14. Copy of Cap^{t}. Williamson's D°. amo^{t}. to Pag^{s}. 1790.
15. Muster roll of Ship Hartford's men.
16. Copy of Cap^{t} Nelly's dispatch for G. Brittain.
17. Purser of the Bridgewaters rec^{t}. for the Pacqu^{et}.
18. Diary's & Consultations { Commencing 13th Feb^{ry}. / Ending 18th D° } 17 [20/21]
19. Letters Receiv'd { Commence^{s}. 29th Jan^{ry}. / Ending 3^{d} Feb^{ry}. } 1720/21.
20. List of the Pacquet ℔ Bridgewater.
21. List of the Pacquet ℔ Hartford.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED NOVEMBER 12, 1721. [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, pp. 79—92*].

TO THE HONBLE. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HONBLE. UNITED COMPY.
OF MERCHTS. OF ENGLAND TRADING TO
THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

1. The 15th. October arrived your Ships Heathcote & Marlbrô & brought a Commission appointing Mr. Nathaniel Elwick Presidt. & Govr. & Messrs. Jennings, Turner, Benyon, Cadham, Emmerson, Fowke, Hubbard, & Drake, Councill of this place, who desire to return Yr. Honrs. thanks for this favr. & beg leave to assure you yt. by ye. exactness of [. . . will endeavour] to make you [*a line lost*] & accordg. to yr. Honrs. ordrs. in ye. Genll. Lettr. sent for all yr. Covenanted Servts. &ct. & had the Commission read to them in the Consultation room, in the Fort as it was the next day publickly done at the Town hall, the inhabitants both Black & White being summond for that purpose.

3[1]. As there has been no ship dispatcht for Europe this Season Yr. Honrs. may reasonably expect we should give you a full accot. of all transactions here, since the departure of yr. Last Years Ships. but as this sudden alteration of affairs has happen'd so lately & we are (as yr. Honrs. will observe by our frequent Consultations) in a Continued hurry of very extraordinary busyness, it is impracticable, besides yt. ye. K. George has been fully Laden for some time, & ys. season of ye. year is very unfavourable to ships especially wn. deep. We must therefore beg leave to referr you to our Lettrs. by ye. January ships wn. yr. Honrs. may expect a full answr. to those recd. from you & an exact accot. of ye posture of yr affairs here, wth our transactions from time to time therein, in the mean while we will give you a short relation of wt else materiall occurs to us.

4. Our last to yr. Honrs. was by the Hartford Capt. Fras. Nelly under date of the 18th Febry. she sail'd out of the road the next day & we since hear she was at the Cape in June, the Bonita arriv'd from China the 26th of the same month & told us all your Ships there would go for Europe in good time. The next day Came in our Ship Trepopilo[r] from Manilha who was obliged to Leave her whole Cargo behind her, for want of silver the Galleons not arriving yt. year.

5. Yr. Honrs. will observe in ye. Consultations a very full accot. of the dispute between Capt. Heron & Mr. Orme at Pegue occasioned [b]y the murther of two English men by the Armenians to wch. we beg leave to referr you. The 17th May arriv'd here Brigne. Prosperous from Anjengo with Severall Ladies who left that place on accot. of the [. . . *a few words lost*] [*a line lost*] their Husbands [es]tates & were thereby wth. their familys reduced to very necessitous [cir]cumstances to allow them diett money as you will observe by [Co]nsultation of the 25th. of ye same month till your Honrs. [plea]sure can be known. The 25th arrived the Fancy (the ship [which ye] Pirates gave Capt. Macrae) bound to Bengall to wch. place [she pro]ceeded the 10th June, she arriv'd in Company wth. the Chandos [one of] ye Ships kept last year in ye Country by Govr. Boone on acc[ot. of] the Pirates. She was let on freight to Mr. Wake & 100 [Tons] reserv'd for the Compy. wch. she is to take in upon the [Mallabar] Coast.

6. The 26th of the same month arriv'd yr. Honrs. ship K. [George] from Banjar, Mr Garniery[e] 3d. Supra Cargo died in his [passage] over, they brought but 105 Tons of pepper wch. upon ye [survey] here Came out very short of ye quantity as yr. Honrs. ma[y plea]se to observe by the Warehousekeeprs report enter'd after [Consu]ltation of the 4th Sepbr. the Supra Cargo's & Commr. deliv[ered] their answrs. to ye 3d. report in Consultation the 19th & [. . .] of the same month,

[1] Paragraph 1 is followed by paragraph 3 in the original volume.

The former declare they took all ima[ginab]le Care in sending the pepper aboard & insist on the Cap^{ts}. [Bill of] Lading who hath sign'd for Tons. owts. qrs lb. 104 9 3 11 tho he objected [therein], to 105. w^{ch}. is but a trifle in respect to y^{e} [loss] now found [upon] it, the Cap^{t} makes many Complaints of his Stillyar[d &]the hurry in w^{ch}. he was obliged to receive it on board, occasioned by y^{e}. danger they were dayly in from y^{e} designs [of y^{e}] Mallays to Cut them off & from whom they at last with difficulty escaped. We have good reason to beleive there has b[een] no imbezlement of any part of the said pepper [o]n b[oar]d y^{e}. Ship & the Cap^{t}. is ready to give his oath of it, w^{ch}. makes [thi]s matter very difficult for us to determine especially at [thi]s time, y^{t}. we are so prodigiously overburthen'd wth. ot[her] necessary busyness & therefore we beg leave to referr th[is] matter home for y^{r} Hon^{rs}. decision.

7. They Could not procure any more [y^{n}. y^{e} said quantity] of pepper being obliged to leave the place [*a few words lost*] form'd among y^{e} natives to Cut them [*a few words lost*] of our Ships w^{ch}. arriv'd here [*a few words lost*] to Tonqueen by [*one line lost*] she was brought from [Borneo] by y^{e} 2^{d}. Mate the Cap^{t} Supra Cargo's & some others be[ing] Cut to peices by the natives not Long after y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. ship [K.] George sail'd from thence We hope this will make your Supra Cargo's on the Middlesex and James & Mary very [Cautious] in their Transactions at Borneo & we are very ap[pre]hensive of having [one] if not both of them here, if it [should] so happen & we not be able to dispatch y^{m} for Europe, [wee] shall in y^{e} mean time employ y^{m} to y^{r} best advantag[e. The] Dover met y^{e} Frances and Macklesfield in y^{e} Streights of Sunda on their way to China & we hear since y^{t}. all th[ose] Ships have been at Batavia & were in good Conditi[on].

8. The [. . .] July arrived the Monmouth as did the Stretham [the] 20th August they are both since gone to the Bay, the la[tter tw]o days after her arrivall & the other the 12th Sep^{br}. [in Comp^{y}] wth. y^{e} Shawallum (w^{ch} arriv'd a Little before from Pers[ia) & a] Moors ship. she Carried down wth. her a quantity of [Redwood] agreeable to the desire of y^{e}. Presid^{t}. & Councill there [the . .] 22^{d}. the Chandos proceeded for the other Coast, as did th[e] Fancy the 8th. October she arriv'd here from Bengall the 30th Sep^{br}.

9. We have rec^{d}. from Fort S^{t}. David since the Departure of the Hartford [. . .] Bales by y^{e} follow^{s}. Conveyances Viz^{t}. By Sloop Ramah 8 [Tr . . .] 534.. By the Brittania at twice 400.. Mermaid 190. Jane L [. . .] at twice 400, & by the K. George 426 From Vizagapatam 3[0 . by .] y^{e} Vizagapat^{m}. Merch^{t} & by y^{e} George Brigantine who arr[iv'd] from Bengall y^{e}. 20th Sep^{br}. 1000. baggs Salt Petre with other [sto]res.

10. The [Goods] ℔ Monmouth Came out accord^{s}. to invoice, except w^{t}. mention'd in Consultation y^{e}. 4th Sep^{br}. Upon Examining y^{e} Cloth there were [found] 47 ℔^{s}. damaged w^{ch}. were as y^{r}. ord^{rs}. direct deliver'd to the Cap[^{t}] at 30 ℔ C^{t}. advance, and y^{e} money rec^{d}. We shall take the same [me]thod with the other two ships as soon as the Goods are all [on sho]ar, The 13 Chests of silv^{r}. ℔ the Monmouth are [*a few words lost*] w^{ch} we have demanded the produce of [*a few words lost*] acquaint y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. more at [*a few words lost*] The 80 Chests ℔ these [*a few words lost*] N^{o}. 370 ℔ Marlbrô [*one line lost*] y^{t} goes from hence [thi]ther in January.

11. As to the Broad Cloath we Can not say anything abou[t it as]yet, but will take the utmost Care in the disposall thereof. [By] our January Ships send your Hon^{rs}. our remarks, List of [Remains] & demands &c^{t}. as we shall also do in relation to our [stores] & necessary's for the Hospittall &c^{t}.

12. The Lead & Iron sent out y^{s}. year will sell so much better [than] at y^{e}. Bay y^{t}. we shall dispose of it at Outcry.

13. By the K. George y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will receive 672: bales We have now [on h]and 2874, at y^{e} Washers and Beaters 663: & in y^{e} Merch^{ts}. Godown [. . .] w^{ch}. wth. w^{t}. we expect from Fort S^{t}. David & Vizagapat^{m}. &

[w^{t}. more] our Merch^{ts}. may bring in will we beleive be sufficient to [load the] Marlbrô, Heathcote, Dartmouth, & half the Monmouth [. . .] up y^{e}. Frances should she come hither. Which we have [little] expectations of; because they will Certainly be able to fill three [ships] wth. Tea in China.

14. The Gentlem^{n}. in Bengall Complain'd last year of the Large [Tonnage] flung on y^{m}. & y^{s}. year they desire as little as possible. [To c]omply wth. their request & to prevent the Heathcote's lying [the y]ear round in India as in all probabillity she must do [should she] go down thither at y^{s}. season of y^{e}. year. We have resolv'd [since] we have goods enough for y^{e}. ships w^{ch}. we can reasonably [ex]pect to have on hand to send her home from hence directly [W]e would willingly supply y^{e} Gentlemen in y^{e}. Bay wth. y^{e} silv^{r}. [. . .] are ord^{d}. but as y^{s}. is y^{e} very worst season of y^{e} year & sh[e] will in all likelyhood not arrive thither till y^{e}. end of Dec[em]ber we beleive it bett^{r} to advise them by Cossid[s y^{t}.. .] we shal[l s]end y^{m}. a quantity of silv^{r}. by the ships that [g]o thither in [J]anuary y^{n}. to risque y^{r} Hon^{rs}. Estates & ship against the height [of] y^{e}. Monsoon. This will enable y^{m}. to take up money at interest & y^{e}. difference will not be above 1½ or 2 ℘C^{t}. whereas should w[e] [s]end y^{e}. Heathcote down, you would have 6 months demora[ge] to pay w^{ch}. for so large a ship must be a very considerabl[e] [sum], y^{r} Hon^{rs}. will observe how fully we deba[ted] y[e] [m]atter [in] Consultation y^{e}. 24th. Ult^{o}.

15. We shall take all imaginable Care in y^{e}. [. . .] lengths [. . .] never send home any [*one line lost*] prizes, & we hope sinc[e yo]ur Hon^{rs}. have been pleas'd to take so much Care of y^{r}. Mer[chants] wellfare by ships Marlbrô & Heathcote they will on their par[t re]turn y^{e}. obligation by bringing in better goods y^{n}. usuall towards [w^{ch}] they shall want no incouragement from us.

16. [W]th. great pleasure we can inform y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. y^{t} the season [has prov'd] propitious & y^{t}. y^{e}. famine is now entirely gone, we have [a store ...] water in our Tanks, & as soon as y^{e}. rains are over hope [we sha]ll be able to Cure a quantity of goods sufficient to supply [The ships] mention'd in the 13. Parragraph to be here & expected.

17. We lately rec^{d}. advice y^{t}. our Trade is still in great danger [from] the Pirates, Two of the Ostenders (the one from China [the other] the Ship w^{ch}. was formerly y^{e} Greyhound) & a Por[tugeeze] Ship of 70. Guns, whereon y^{e}. late Viceroy & Archbishop [of Goa] took their passage for Portugall being lying at an an[*chor*] *in* Donmasereen road were all three taken by a [Pirate by] surprize but as y^{e} great Portugeeze ship was forced thither for want of Masts they dispatch'd the Greyh[ound] wth. 30 men to y^{e} Mallabar Coast to look for some, but [as those] men were most of y^{m}. on board by Compulsion so [soon as] they arriv'd on y^{e} Mallabar Coast they form'd a resolu[tion] of freeing themselves & in pursuance thereof overpower'd [y^{e}] Piraticall party on board & Carried y^{e}. Ship into Goa His Majesties Ships Lion, & Shoreham are arriv'd at Bombay & we hear have been in y^{e} Gulph of Mocha in quest of y^{e} Pirates [&] we are in great hopes y^{e} other two who were to Cruize about [th]e Islands will have met wth. y^{m} & Clear'd y^{e}. seas, We fu[rt]her hear [y^{e} sev]erall Moors ships are already arriv'd from [M]ocho & y^{t} Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. Ships are daily expected from thence.

18. [As] to y^{e}. Country Government everything is quiet & easy, The [Nabob] is at present in the Tanjour Country, but in a [sho]rt time will return to Arcot.

19. [Su]nca Rama[h &] his familey are Come out of the Country & we da[ily] expect [many . .] more Our endeavours shall not be [wanting to] raise this settleme[nt] to as flourishing an [*a few words lost*] we do not [doubt] but we shall be [*one line lost*] the mark we [*a few words lost*] pleas'd y^{t}. we can inform y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. y^{t}. there are no French or Ostend [ships] arriv'd on y^{e}. Coast y^{s} year so y^{t}. we hope we shall have no Com[peti]tors in our busyness, & shall be able to engage y^{e}. Merch^{ts}. who are run after y^{e} French &c^{t} to return to their old homes.

21[1]. We have no buildings now on hand except w^{t}. repairs &c^{a}. mention'd in y^{e} next Parragraph, & the two Bridges both w^{ch}. are almost finish'd & we hope to

[1] Para 19 is followed by para 21 in the original volume '.

inform you by our January ships y^t^. they are done you will observe by the Consultation of y^e^. 23^d^. Feb^ry^. y^t^. y^e^ Merch^ts^. seem willing to defray y^e^ Charge, we shall take particular care in y^e^ management of this affair, so as to give no Cause of Complaint to any one.

22. Our new Warehouse Terraces are not quite done, but shall be finish'd as soon as possible after y^e^. rains are over, & we judge y^e^. Charge may amount to about 150. Pagodas. The Bridge at y^e^. Armenian Gate w^ch^ leads into the Black Town is much out of repair & may Cost about 100. Pagoda[s]. The Hospitall & Guard house have leaked these rains & want to be secured w^th^. another Course of Bricks & Coat of Chinam w^ch^. we shall set about as soon as possible in ord^s^. to prevent any damage to y^t^. so necessary & handsome pile of Buildings the Charge we Compute may amount to about 500 Pagodas.

23. We are now to remark to y^r^. Hon^rs^. a very necessary peice of Building in ord^r^. to secure y^e^. Black Town w^ch^. now lies open & exposed from y^e^ Maddapollam point to the Blockhouse Close by y^e^ Sea side. There was formerly a Fence of Palmira Pallisadoes w^ch^. are now all broken down & we are of opinion it would be much cheaper as well as more [dur]able to build a brick wall of about nine foot high from y^e^ said Maddapollam point to the Blockhouse w^ch^. is distant 180. foot & it is Computed it will Cost about 500. Pag^s^. y^s^. building we thought our selves unable to go about without first having y^r^. Hon^rs^. Consent & direction, If you think fit to permitt us to do this we cannot now recollect any thing further to be done for y^e^ security of y^e^. Black Town nor have [we any] other necessary buildings to go about in y^s^. place [we] shall write to Fort St. David for a particular account [*a few words lost*] send it to y^r^. Hon^rs^. by our January shipping [*One line lost*].

24. [. . .] pay their rents duely & we shall take all imaginable Care y^t^. they Continue so to do.

25. Y^r^. Hon^s^. having been pleas'd to Confirm y^e^. admission of M^r^. George Torriano to y^r^. service & he have^s^. been turn'd out as appears by Consultation of the 4^th^. Aug^st^. 1720. only because he was taken into it here, that dismission is therefore void, & we have readmitted him to y^e^. service, w^n^. we acquainted him of it he desir'd us to return his hum^ble^. thanks to y^r^. Hon^rs^. & assure you he will make it his study to deserve the fav^r^. shewn him.

26. We have made M^r^. Joseph Houghton Sec^ry^. in the room of M^r^. Walsh, beleiving it more agreeable to y^r^. Hon^rs^. intentions y^e^ said M^r^. Houghton being much his Superiour in y^e^ service & appointed to succeed next of Councill besides y^t^. M^r^. Walsh is on the West Coast Establishment & Consequently ought not to enjoy a Post of so great reputation here in y^e^. wrong of y^r^ serv^ts^. belonging to this Settlement, add to all w^ch^. y^t^. he being entirely in y^e^ Interest of y^e^. Gentlem^n^. displaced by y^r^. Hon^rs^. & our Cheif busyness relating to y^m^. We did not think him a proper person to be admitted to y^e^. knowledge of our debates.

27. The Lieutenants of y^s^. Garrison pursuant to our ord^r^. of y^e^ 26^th^. Oct^br^. reported to us the state of y^e^ Military as y^r^ Hon^rs^ will find it enter'd after our Consultation of y^e^ 2^d^ Nov^br^. & will therein observe how very weak they are at present, we must therefore ernestly press y^r^. Hon^rs^. to send us such recruits as you shall see necessary for our Black soldiers are of little use except merely standing Centeries, & w^th^.out being well intermixt with Europeans are not to be depended upon in Case of Tryall.

28. We have permitted M^r^. Joseph Walsh to lay down y^e^. service & go home, [as] we have also M^r^. Rich^d^. Oliver one of our Ensigns, he having p^d^. y^e^. sum ord^d^. for his discharge from y^e^. Military.

29. Yo^r^ General book[s and U]sual Acc^ts^. will Come home by the [*a few words lost*] send you Copies of King [*about two lines lost*].

30. Your Honours having order'd Us to supply the Gentlemen in Bay with Treasure to the utmost extent of our power & We no[t] knowing any better way of

attaining that desirable end than to furnish ourselves with Cash by taking bills on the Hon^ble^. Company, We have accepted of the following Viz^t^.

1^st^, 2, 3, & 4, Bill dated 14 Aug^st^. To M^r^ Lewis Gray, for Two Thousand & fifteen Pagodas pay^ble^ to Bulstrode Peachey Esq^r^. for Acco^t^. of James Peachey at 9^s^ ℔ pag^o^.	2015	...	...
1, 2, 3, Bills dated 25^th^ Sept^r^. To M^r^. Tho^s^. Way for Two hundred pagodas payable to M^rs^. Grace Orrill or order at 9^s^ ℔ pag^o^	200	...	...
1, 2, 3 Bill, dated 2^d^. Oct^r^. To M^r^. Tho^s^. Cooke for Seven Thousand One hundred forty three, six fanams, & fifty nine Cash payable to John Freeman of Tawley Court Esq^r^. or order at 9^s^ ℔ pa. ...	7143	6	59
1, 2, 3 Bill dated 2^d^. Oct^r^. To Francis Hastings Esq^r^. for Three Thousand pagodas payable to Edw^d^: Harrison Esq^r^. or his order, for Acco^t^. of William Jennings Esq^r^. at 9^s^ pag^o^.	3000	...	...
1, 2, 3 Bill dated 18 Oct^r^. To Cap^t^. John Powney for Five hundred pagodas payable to Edward Harrison Esq^r^. or order at 9^s^ ℔ pag^o^.	500	...	...
1, 2, 3, Bill dated 21, Oct^r^. To M^r^. John Russen for Four hundred & fifty pagodas, Thirty three fanams payable to M^r^. John Harris of London [A]cco^t^. of the Estate of M^r^. William Harris deceas'd at 9^s^. ℔ pag^o^	450	33	...
1, 2, 3, Bill dated 24^th^ Oct^r^. To Mess^rs^. Tho^s^. Wilford, & George Beel for Twenty one pagodas, Thirty four fanam[s] & Fifty three Cash payable to Michael [Act]on Blackwell Hall Factor or ord^r^. in Lon[don], Acco^t^. the Estate of M^r^. John Acton Decea[sed] at 9^s^ ℔ pag^o^	21	34	53
1, 2, 3 Bill dated 6^th^ Nov^r^. To M^r^. Joseph Walsh for seven Thousand pagodas payable to John [G . .] or his [order] at 9^s^. ℔ pag^o^.	7000	...	...
[. . .] To Nathaniel Elwick Esq^r^. [. . .] payable to M^r^. John [. . .] order	[. . .]		
1, 2, 3, Bill dated 6^th^ Nov^r^. To Nathaniel Elwick Esq^r^. for Five Thousand pagodas payable to M^rs^. Elizabeth Paine (Executrix for the said Samuel Paine) or her order at 9^s^. ℔ pag^o^	5000	...	...
1, 2, 3, Bill dated 6^th^ Nov^r^. To M^r^. Francis Hugonin for Fifteen Thousand pagodas payable to the said M^r^. Francis Hugonin or his order at 9^s^ ℔ pag^o^ ...	15000	...	...

31. And after we have gott what we can by Bills of Exchange on your Honours We shall chose rather to take up money at Interest as We have occasion for it to carry on yo^r^. affairs than give Respondentia Bonds upon you (having positively declared on all occasions that we would give no Bonds, large sums thereupon have been paid into your Cash for bills) because our Interest bonds being always made payable upon demand, We are at Liberty to call them in whenever We are in Cash to discharge any of them, and if we find ourselves able to gett sufficient money at Interest here to carry on our buisness We propose to send a great part of the Treasure design'd us to the Bay the better to enable the Bengall Gentlemen to proceed in their next years Investment, & likewise to save Yo^r^ Hon^rs^: the difference of four ℔ Cent which they pay more ℔ Ann there than We do here for Interest of money, We should certainly been able to have found money sufficient here for Our investment had we not been depriv'd of the Large sums due from your late President and M^r^. Cook.

32. The Church Wardens have according to yo[r]. Hon[rs]: ord[rs]: in your Letter to this place of the 30[th]: March 1721, paid into Cash Pagodas 10646: 8[f]: 14[c], being the whole produce of the Estate of M[r]: Pedro Perrera deceas'd.

33. The 2[d]. Instant the Dartmouth arriv'd here from the West Coast with a Generall Letter, Consultations, Paymasters, & Cash Acco[ts]. Yo[r]: Hon[rs]: will observe by our Consultations our proceedings from that time, for the prevention of those abominable extravagancies for the future which we Obser[ve] M[r]. Pyke hath been guilty of, We really believe that no Deputy Gov[r]: you ever had there hath squander'd away so much mony as [thi]s gentleman, nor did we ever here of one endeavouring to [twist] the meaning of yo[r]. Lett[rs]: so far as to make them signifie that [he is] independant on us when those very Lette[rs] order him to [submit] to Our directions, which your Hon[rs]. wi[ll *a few words lost*] has writ to his sub[ordinate] [*one line lost*] till yo[r]. Hon[rs]. further pleasure can be known, We have appoint-[ed] M[r]. James Hubbard to goe supervizor thither, & with him M[r]. Duns[ter] whom we at first design'd should goe in that station, but al[tered] Our resolutions on receipt of the beforemention'd papers by the Dartmouth wherein we find reasons to beleive M[r]. Pyke will resiste, We resolve to send one of Our Councill to take from hi[m] all pretence for rebelling because it has always been customar[y] for the Deputy Govern[r] of that Coast unless where particular directions have been given to the contrary to take place after our Council, & consequently he cannot complaine of any one being put over him when the person that goes is really his superiour We have appointed M[r]. Dunster to succeed M[r]. Hubbard in that Government not being able to pitch on any one in the service here that can goe of a superiour standing to him to whom we dare intrust the management of an affair of so great imp[ort]ance as raising that Coast to the flourishing Estate it is cap[able] of. what we have done in this case We assure your Hon[rs]: is without the least pique, or prejudice, & purely with a view of advanc[s]. your Interest & we hope you will approve of these our sincere intentions, we never thought our Commissions althô of a lat[er] date sufficient absolutely to sett aside those from yo[r]. Hon[rs]. direc[tions] but when they have once taken place & your Hon[rs]. have give[n] Us a power of inspecting & governing that Coast, what can we do when we see a man make use of that Commission against your Interest, & under that pretence Cloak all his bad actions, but vacate it, & punish for his faults, and we cannot believe your Hon[rs]: will disapprove of Our proceedings herein.

34. The s[a]me reason that obliges Us to send one of Our Councill makes us send a supervizor though we have already resolv'd to suspend M[r]. Pyke least as he has in his Coppy of Yo[r]: Letter ℔ Goodfellow chang'd the words of the 3[d]. paragraph (should have been [sent] in that station, to should be sent in that station, W[e s]ay least he should make use of those words againe, & refus[e t]o permitt a Deputy Govern[r] to come ashoare there beca[use th]at is the station he now enjoys, We therefore send a sup[ervizor] that being a station superiour to his and is what yo[r:] Hon[rs]: have possitively order'd us to send thither frequently [*a few words lost*].

35. [Wee obse]rve what he says in relation to an Osten[d *a few words lost*] & whose Treasure being 2 chest [*one line lost*] severall of the ships Company came hither on the Dartmouth he requested a passage upon the King George but she being a full ship, & we desiring your Hon[rs]: might have some time to consider of this Affair have thought fitt to tell him that he shall have a passage upon the Dartmouth the ship which he came hither upon, her Treasure is not yet on shoar the Weather not permitting but so soon as we receive it, & have examin'd it We shall give Fort Marlborough Credit for y[e] same, which is all we can say to this Affair, except desiring Yo[r]: Hon[rs]: will please to be referr'd to the West Coast Consultations, Generall Letters &c[a] papers rec[d]. from thence.

36. As we had reason to suspect there would be a deficiency in your Hon[rs]. Cash in M[r]. Hastings's hands, & in the silver und[r]: M[r]. Cooke's care, so soon as the Commission was read, & the other usuall Ceremonies perform'd, We order'd the Cash Chest, & Silver Godowns to be seal'd up, The next Morning M[r]. Cook attended us & was order'd to goe and see the Warehouse open'd & deliver all therein to Our Warehousek[r]. in the Presence of Mess[rs]: Oadham & Emmerson, The Warehouse was

accordingly open'd but nothing found in it, upon which We thought propr: to Confine Mr. Cooke to his Lodgings by placing a Centry at his Door, till he had either paid for 29: Chests Silver which ought to have been there, or given security, as We also found Ourselves oblig'd to do by Mr. Hastings two Days after at the Garden house by Centrys below stairs which could be no inconvenience to him though a security to the Company when he sent Us the Key of the Cash Chest and upon opening it We found but one fanam instead of pags. 72075: 10: 60.

37. We have been oblig'd to confine the late President's, & Mr. Fowke's Dubashes on a[cc]ount of very severe Complaints made against them by the b[lac]k Merchants persuant to the liberty given them of seeking redress by the paper fixt up at the sea Gate a Coppy [whereof] is enter'd after Consultation of the 19th: Octr:

38. Your Honours w[i]ll observe a[t lar]ge in Our Consultations what pains We [have taken here] to procure sufficient Securi[ty *one line lost*] deposited in our hands, and concerns at Sea to the Amount of Pagodas 269707: 10: 75, being all that they could give, as soon as We accepted it; We withdrew the Centuries & gave Mr. Hastings leave to goe to a house of Mr. Hordens on the Choultry plaine for the benefitt of the Air, He having promis'd us not to leave the Bounds without liberty, which we could not think propper [to] grant him when he desired to goe to the Mount because of th[e] Accots: the black Merchts: have to make up with him, & the Mount to far off for them to attend him & us.

39. We hope the Lenity with which we have all along proceeded in this Affair will meet with your approbation, & do assure your Honrs: that impartiall Justice shall be our Guide and whatever temptations we may have to the contrary nothing harsh or ill natur'd shall appear in our behaviour toward[s] those Gentlemen.

40. Since the foregoing we find We shall be able to assist th[e] Bengall Gentlemen with a part of our Treasure & therefore we shall without faile send 80: Chests of Silver in order to enable them to pay off their Debts and be ready early to [set] about their next years Investment, with this view we ha[ve] accepted of 8000; Pagodas at Interest of Mrs: Diana Robs[on] and shall take in what more we want which we believe [we] shall be able to do with ease.

41. So soon as that ship and the George Brigantine are dispatch'd We shall write to Padry Labbe Agent for the French Jesuits in China to know his Resolutions about their Money at Int[erest] he being now at Ponticherry.

42. We have gott from Mr. Hastings as your Honrs. will observe by our Consultations of the 10th, an order for the remittance of the produce of ship Richmonds Cargoe lately arriv'd at [S]urratt to Us on account of his Debt which We hope [wi]ll lessen it 30000, Pagodas, & inclos'd we send [Yor Honr] an order from Mr: Hastings to his Attorneys to [pay yor] Honrs: what money may be remitted them from China [against Mr] Hastings's Cargoe there.

43. Randall Fowke desires Us to acquaint yor: Honrs: [that he is in no] ways privy to any transactions of [his subordinates to the prejudice] of the Merchants, & that he has [*one line lost*].

44. On the 15th: June Capt William Warden deliver'd us a paper requesting he might carry to England what pepper he has on board as part of his Borneo Cargo at whole Freight, which we thought ourselves oblig'd to refuse & thereupon he requested 40 Tons at halfe Freight which was granted him as ℔ his Request enter'd after the same Consultation.

45. In Consultation Septr: 11th: Capt. Thomas Gilbert Commander of the Chandos, deliver'd us a request for to furnish him with 400; Pagodas on Accot: of his Charter party Money his request is enter'd after the said Consultation, & we comply'd therewith by paying him the sum of pagodas 400, as your Honrs. may please to observe by one of his receipts that come in the packett another We sent to Bombay & have debted that presidency for the amount.

46. We send to St: Hellena by this ship as usuall, Sugar, Arracke &ca amountg: to Pagodas 196. 22. 50, as ℔ Coppy of ye: Invoice in the Packett.

47. Inclos'd we send your Hon^{rs}: the Cap^{ts}: Register of Goods amounting to Pagodas 2836: 9: 48, the Invoice of this ship King George amount^{s}: to Pagodas: 48316: 1: 19: which we wish may arrive in safety to your Hon^{rs}: & are with much respect.

Honourable
Your Most faithfull & Obed^{t}: humble Serv^{ts}:

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.
Nov^{r}. 12th, 1721.

NATHANIEL ELWICK.
NATH: TURNER.
RICH^{D}. BENYON.
CATESBY OADHAM.
JOHN EMMERSON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
JAMES HUBBARD.
[GEORGE] DRAKE.

LETTER TO EDWARD JOHNSON, Esq., DATED NOVEMBER 12, 1721 [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 5, p. 93*]

TO THE WORSP^{LL} EDWARD JOHNSON Esq^{R}:
GOV^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCIL OF S^{T}. HELLENA

WORSP^{LL}: S^{R}. &C^{A}:

This serves to inclose invoyce & bill of Lading for sundry Goods Laden on board the King George consign'd to your selves for Acco^{t}: the Hon^{ble}: United English East India Company amounting to One hundred, Ninety six Pagodas, Twenty Two fanams & fifty Cash, you'll observe in said Invoice one slave charg'd at Forty seven Pagodas the said slave was bought by the Supra Cargoes of this ship to serve them as a Linguist at Borneo, & having no occasion for him here send him you beleiving he may do the Company more service at S^{t}. Hellena.

On the 15th: Ultimo arriv'd here from England ships Heathcote, and Marlborough with a Commission appointi[ng] M^{r}: Nathaniel Elwick President and Govern^{r}: of this Pla[ce] and such persons of Councill who signe this Letter.
We are

WORSP^{LL}: S^{R}: &C^{A}.
Your very humble Serv[^{ts}].

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
Nov^{r}. 12th. 1721.

NATHANIEL ELWICK.
NATH: TURNER.
RICH^{D}: BENYON.
CATESBY OADHAM.
JOHN EMMERSON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
JAMES HUBBARD.
GEORGE DRAKE.

LIST OF THE PACKETT TO GREAT BRITTAIN ℔ SHIP KING GEORGE.

N°. 1. Fort S^{t}. George Generall Letter dated the 12th: Nov^{r}: 1721.
2. Duplicate of the Hartfords Letter dated the 18th Feb^{ry}. 1720/21.
3. Coppy of a Letter from the Deputy Gov^{r}: & Councill of Bencoolen ℔ Dartmouth dated 24th. Sept^{r}: 1721.
4. Invoice of Ship King George amounting to Pa: 48316: 1: 19.
5. Bill of Lading of D°.
6. Duplicate Invoice of Ship Hartford amounting to Pa: 59391: 16.
7. Second Bill of Lading of D°.
8. Coppy of Ship King Georges Invoice for S^{t}. Hellena amount^{s}. to P. F. C. 196: 22: 50.
9. Francis Hastings Esq^{r}: his order to M^{r} Thomas Wright or Edw^{d}. Harrison Esq^{r}: to deliver up the produce of one third part of the Hastings's Cargo to the Hon^{ble}: Company.
10. Cap^{t}. Warden Commander of the King George his register of Goods, amounting to Pag^{s}. 2836: 9: 48.
11. Muster Role of Ship King Georges men.
12. Cap^{t}. Thomas Gilbert Commander of the Shandos his Receipt for Pagodas 400, advanc'd him.
13. Coppy of Cap^{t}. Wardens dispatch.
14. Coppy of Cap^{t}. Nellys D°.
15. List of the Packett ℔ Hartford.
16. List of the Packett ℔ King George.
17. Cap^{t}. Wardens Obligation to take his pepper at ½ freight.

LIST OF BOOKS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BOX.

N°. 1. Fort S^{t}: George Diarys & Consultations— { Commenc^{s}: Oct^{r}: 15, 1721. / End^{s}: Nov^{r}. 10, 1721.

2. Ditto Diary & Consultations— { Commenc^{s}: Feb^{ry}: 19: 1720/21. / End^{s}: Oct^{r}: 15, 1721.

3. Ditto Letters receiv'd— { Commenc^{s}: Feb^{ry}: 17th. 1720/21. / End^{s}: Oct^{r}: 11: 1721.

4. Ditto Letters sent— { Commenc^{s}: Feb^{ry}: 20: 1721. / End^{s}: Oct^{r}: 29: 1721.

5. Ditto Country Letters rec^{d}. & sent— { Commenc^{s}: Feb^{ry}: 22: 1720/21. / End^{s}: Oct^{r}: 21: 1721.

6. Ditto Cash Acco^{ts}— { Commenc^{s}: Feb^{ry}: 1: 1720/21. / End^{s}: Nov^{r}: 10: 1721.

7. King Georges Benjar Journall & Ledger.
8. Ditto Book of presents & Exp[enc]es.
9. Diary & Cons[u]ltations of the Supr[a] Cargo's of Ship King George relating to their Benjar Voyag[e.]
10. Coppy of Cap^{t}. Samuel Hills Instruc[tions] as Supra Cargo of y^{e} Brittania Gally gi[ve]n him by My[nheer] Joannes De Breum Tanzoon in behalf [. . . etc. owners].
11. Register of ships [*a few words lost*]
12. [*lost.*]

N.B. There are in the Packett also
1. Packett from the Presid^{t}. & Counc^{ll}: of Fort William.
2. Ditto from the President & Council of Bombay.
1. Ditto from the Chief & Council of Callicutt.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 3, 1722. Received Per Heathcote the 4th September 1722. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, p. 301–313 (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Their last was 12th November per King George, when dispatcht the Captain he went off the next morning but forced back by the Violence of the weather.

2. Letter 30th March about Mr. Pereira, never receiv'd his Effects. Pagodas 10,646 : 8 : is paid into Cash.

3. Since the Hartford sail'd have receiv'd the Companys Letters 14th September 1720, via West Coast, 24th February per Monmouth an addition thereto and General Letter each dated 26th April per Marlborough and Heathcote which shall now answer.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING &C^{A}.

4. When signed the K. George's letter had in the Road Heathcote, Marlbrô, Dartmouth and K. George and George Brigantine, the next day the weather so Violent no Boat could go off, it lasted several days, blew up by the roots most of the Trees about the Town and destroy'd vast Numbers of Houses, drove the sea upon them the Island overflowing it a great depth, open'd a deep broad passage at the Bar into the Sea, carry'd away 2 of the Arches of the bridge in the Road to Triplicane, but that towards the Garden stands unhurt, great rains during the whole storm and so hazy could not see 100 yards off.

5. Heard frequent firings from the Road could see nothing nor send relief, surf came up to the Sea Gate, carry'd away several Banksals all the Catamarans, some stacks of Firewood staved some Mussoolas, forced to haul in the Guns on the half moon, next morning clear'd up saw the Heathcote in the Road, and in the afternoon the Marlbrough near the outward surf, sent off 3 boats with an Anchor and Cable &c^{a}. one of which was beat to pieces 4 Men drown'd.

6. An Anchor and Cable sent off in a Cattamaran was oversett, the Marlbrô used one of the Companys Cables then on board, 4th December she came into the Road with the Loss of 4 Anchors and Cables &c^{a}., Heathcote lost an anchor and Cable and severall much damaged with other harm done within board.

7. Having by a Signal Notice of distress to the Southward, sent Peons all along the shore to secure any Wrecks, and the Captains Warden, Elliston, Crossing, of the missing ships to proceed from the Marlbrô with Soldiers to any ship in distress.

8. Orders were given how to act in case of a Wreck to the Southward.

9. The 17th had news of the Dartmouths loss from Captain Elliston and Flemish Chief of Covelon on which sent the Heathcote to her with 20 Souldiers and 100 Peons overland to save the Silver in her and defend it, but to act only on the defensive if any disputes.

10. Captain Ellistons letter of the suspecting the King George was lost sent Lieutenant Sutherland with 20 men more on the Heathcote to reinforce those below and 50 peons by land, they had Guns, Mortars &c^{a}. with them which aw'd the Countrey people and prevented bloodshed, the Captains Tolson, Elliston and Lieutenant Sutherland with a Covenant servant appointed of Council and sent 3, others to look out for the King George and Brigantine to write when necessary to the Camp near Covelong.

11. Next day had news the Brigantine was safe 3 Leagues below Sadrass but had lost her Main Mast 6 Guns and dammag' d some Goods, but the King George broke to pieces and only about 3 Bales sav'd at Sadrass.

12. Mr. Dunster sent to St. Davids to look after the Brigantines Goods, Captain Warden with souldiers from the Camp going down the Coast found the Moors had

carry'd part of the Goods and 8 Europeans up the Countrey having murder'd one, on which wrote to the Nabob and Governours about as per Letters in the Book, but they would not do anything.

13. 131 l. : 8 oz. : in Duccatoons and 207 l. : 4 oz. : in French Crowns saved from the Dartmouths Wreck brought on shore in small parcels by the men, fear can save no more unless in the Southerly Monsoon the Water falls and Sands shift where her bottom is now bury'd in 9 foot water, the Dartmouth shall ly to watch it.

14. Will endeavour by frugality and diligence to make up as much of this Loss as possible having the Companys Interest at heart.

15. Glad so many of the Companys ships arriv'd safe hope all the rest will.

16. In August last the Addison was dispatcht from Bencoolen, Mr. Pyke writes will lade home the Goodfellow, Sunderland and Aislabie laden home from Mocha.

17. Shall sell the sloop Dartmouth when return'd from the Wreck.

18. Will carefully observe Paragraphs 8 and 9 about the Ostenders and give all the supra Cargos &c^{a}. employ'd by them strict orders to have no dealings with them.

19. Will give the necessary orders to all their Subordinates about Ostenders, none come this year nor French.

20. Mr. Say carry'd to Bombay to answer Mr. Phyis Charge against him.

21. Thankfull for the Men of War sent out, shall Furnish the Captains with Money as Order'd.

22. Shall observe the Directions about the Court of Admiralty if occasion for one, the Men of War have not taken any Pyrates.

23. Shall satisfy the Commodore if recovers any of their Effects taken by Pyrates.

24. Will as much as possible frustrate the Interlopers designs, if any come on the Coast. and resent the Danes assisting Captain Mauville.

25. Do observe what is wrote about the China Supra Cargos.

26. Dutch supply'd the Pyrates at Cochin publickly, and John Erasmus boasts of what he got by it, Pyrates declar'd would not meddle with any of their ships.

27. None of them concern'd in the Francisco Xavier.

28. Shall constantly supply St.Helena with necessarys to prevent buying dearer and do the same to the West Coast.

29. Will send yearly List of Ships arriving and departing Madrass and hope to show by it Trade will Flourish which of late has been much impeded.

30. By late Advices are informed the Greyhound Ostender at Goa was a pyrate, the Bombay Grab Victoria putting in there with some of Maccraes men they knew the men and inform'd they were those who took the Cassandra, on which the Vice Roy seiz'd the ship and Imprison'd all the men.

31. Five of the Chandos's men being mutinous on Captain Gilberts complaint brought ashore try'd and whipt.

32. Five of Captain Kemys's men on his complaint punisht as per Consultation 14th August.

33. Refer to Consultation 30th May how Captain Warden came to command the King George.

34. Captain Westcotts reasons for the Strethams touching at Madrass enter'd in Consultation 20th August.

35. Refer to Consultations for what hinted therein of the disputes between the Agent of Persia and Supra Cargos of the Shaw Allum and Prosperous.

36. Monmouth return'd from Bengall the 9th January, leaving the Addison and Stretham half laden.

37. Heathcote order'd up from the Wreck to be laden and send the Lusitania in her room, both of them by the Currents forc'd into St. Davids Road, on this sent down sloop Dartmouth, Lusitania brought up 740 Bales.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

38. Heathcote and Marlbrô's Cargo came out right small damage on some of the Bales, adjusted with the Captain Micklefield.

39. Complaint of the Marlboroughs Cargo will not do the like, wait for the Companys remarks on that by the Bridgwater and shall obey them.

40. Hope the sale of the Monmouths Lead and Iron will please better, by a late account from Bengall Lead selling better shall send it down and the Iron thither or to Bombay if it will sell better at either place.

41. Answer to the Accomptants complaint of the small profit on Goods here because Silver sold makes 7s. 3d. to buy a pagoda, that they should sell at 30 per cent above the profit on the Silver, would sell dearer if they could, and might for 100 or 150 Bales of Cloth but not for 600.

42. List of Remains and Demands sent for the Warehouse, Storehouse, &c^{a}. distinguishing which for use and what for sale.

43. Will take better care for the future of Stores &c^{a}. dammag'd or Wasted.

44. Captain of the Marlborough last Voyage paid for the dammag'd Cloth, it was a mistake not to be enter'd in Consultation but it was brought to Account.

45. Both the Embost Tents sold, one for Pagodas 1901 : 18 : the other with poles, linings, &c^{a}. for Pagodas 3065 : 27. in small parcels, they were dammag'd by the Moths.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

46. Will follow the orders received for Investments, shall not pay money out of Cash on New Contracts till the old are compleated, and yet take care not to want Goods.

47. Will get in the Washers Debts as soon as possible.

48. Will if possible lower the prices of Calicoes, paying part in Europe Cloth a hindrance, and keep up to lengths, breadths, and Musters, and if can do it better, will therefore sort in the fair season when have time enough.

49. Shall put the Vizagapatam Investment on a better foundation.

50. Are sorry for the reflection in Paragraph 41 per Monmouth about dissenting to the making a new Contract, they neither had nor could have any private ends in it but thought it best for the Company to stay new orders for Investments the pretence of want of Goods if delay'd longer was evasive.

51. Refer to Consultation 18th May about Weavers desiring to settle in the Companys bounds, Chitty Shopkeepers complaint against them disregarded, will always encourage the encrease of Inhabitants and not disgust any.

52. In May last the Dyers were advanc'd 2 Pagodas per Corge, will as soon as can lower it.

53. The old Madapollam Merchants offer to provide Goods cheaper than formerly read 29th June to be further considered.

54. Have already advis'd about the Deficiency in the King Georges pepper.

55. Will take care to send as little petre as possible, Marlbrô and Heathcote had each 1500 Bags.

56. Captain Tolsons obligation sent to have but half freight for Pepper.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA &c^{a}.

57. Refer to Consultations in February and March about the proceedings against Daveroy, who had a good Character in all the Trusts repos'd in him, he hath had hard

usage, the Heads of the Casts intimidated in giving their judgment about him, he paid 400 Pagodas to buy the Peon a new Wife &c^{a}., but the Peon never had a penny, was fin'd 500 Pagodas to the Company which is paid, desire directions about it, Messrs. Turner, Benyon and Emmerson dissented knowing the accusation false.

58. Consultations of April and May contain an Account of an Armenian murdering 2 English, and the Great Men at Pegu hindering his being brought to justice, President is to write the King to have him hang'd at Syrian or deliver'd the English.

59. Reason for appointing a new Head Watchman at St. Davids and displacing the old, in Consultation 11th May.

60. Portugeez Padres desiring leave to rebuild their Church were refus'd, but since the Change of Government granted; papers relating to the Britania Galley's being Seiz'd at Batavia sent by the King George, pray the Companys orders about him, Consultation 15th of June shows how he was engag'd therein.

61. Chickleys Caun Prime Vizier on the death of the 2 Syed Brothers went through the Countrey and settled or displaced the Subahs as he found them well or ill affected to the Government raising contributions, the Nabobs raised what they paid on their under officers and they on theirs so it fell on the common people, he carry'd to Court 13,200,000 Rupees to furnish the exhausted Treasury.

62. The Nabob has again demanded the Villages, as the Company order they will not yield to any the Countrey Governours, yet cautious to exasperate them.

63. The Bombay fleet chased the Pyrates off the Coast so none of their Trading ships lost.

64. The English going from Anjengo with their accustomary present Murder'd only 17 Topasses much wounded escap'd, Queen of Attingas letter about it receiv'd 23th June, hear the place is since reliev'd, the Widows of the deceas'd come to Madrass allow'd subsistence as per Consultation 30th May, pray the Companys order about it.

65. Consultation 30th May shows a notorious injustice of the late President and Council, the truth of that fact is Mr. Hastings would singly direct all the Madrass shipping, letting none of the Concern'ds share in the Mannagement, he overcharged in fitting out, sold the Goods at under rates by private Contracts, took 3 Chests of the Bonitas Gold though was but concern'd in and that as Attorney, with difficulty restor'd two, then to make short work sold the ships when return'd, in which all the Councill joyn'd except Messrs. Turner, Benyon, and Emmerson who dissented, he gave largely for them to Engross all the Trade to himself to Surat, other ships were not contested, these he sold and bought in again and none concern'd in them but himself and Mr. Draper except in one or two.

66. Then a dispute arose about the freight Silver on board, for Mr. Hastings was afraid to send with it to the Bay lest those concern'd in the ships should seiz them, the Supra Cargos much concern'd and talk'd of protesting for not complying with the Bills of Lading given at Surat, on this 19th September it was order'd down on the Monmouth and safe receiv'd, but fear so late the Merchants will loose a years trade to Surat and may put them on freightmg their own ships.

67. Hear the Vice Roy of Goa will go in person against Angria in conjunction with the English, Success hop'd for.

68. Refer to Paper No. 28 to show their Ships Trading to the Bay and Surat pay 36 per cent charges, so that the Moors gain while they loose were it not for freight.

69. Countrey Trade lessen'd by the severitys to the Merchants, hope now to recover it.

70. Will as order'd cultivate a good understanding among the Casts and check all discords, nothing can so much make Madrass flourish.

71. Captain Hamiltons Affair accommodated, will follow the Companys orders about it, thankfull for the free Trade allow'd.

72. Can't settle Dieu Island without a great force and charge.

73. Kitty Timapa's Cowle from Governour Pitt allow'd him, he seems inclin'd to go to Metchlepatam being reduced and always used to live great.

74. List of what sav'd at Sadrass enter'd Letter No. 60, of the Wrecks out of King George Dunder Caun Phousdar of Chiore got part of the Goods drove ashore in his bounds and refused to deliver them or the Sailors, on this sent Lieutenant Sutherland with souldiers to demand them, the men were return'd but not the Goods, on marching to Chiore found 200 Rashpoots and 150 peons in arms who attackt the English, killing 1 and wounding 6; of the Moors about 40 kill'd besides what burnt in Dinders House where the Bales were, the men then wounded Lieutenant Sutherland so forc'd to burn it. the Pagoda that the Moors retreated to, its door burst open with a Cohorn shell, Dinder Caun escaped from the Pagoda, refer for the whole account to the letters, the Souldiers behav'd bravely.

FIFTHLY CONCERNING FORTIFICATIONS &C^{A}.

75. Two Bridges broke down by the Monsoon, in April very violent, were rebuilt and in November again some of the Arches again carry'd away, will repair them as soon and as cheap as can.

76. Have no other new Works to do but what advis'd in last letter.

77. Will follow orders about using Teak timber and making all Works substantiall.

78. Will take care of the Revenues and send Remarks on the encrease or decrease.

79. The Renters of the Villages paid in the full summ as per Consultation 18th May and 28th August rather than take an Oath which they think scandalous to do it referring it to the Company.

80. Three Towns by their Accounts produc'd but Pagodas 428: 26: the 5 Towns Pagodas 436: 10: 30.

81. Inhabitants of Egmore &c^{a}. allow'd 55 per cent on the Paddy gather'd there as customary as per Consultations May and June.

82. St. Davids Arrack Farm formerly let out at Pagodas 1450: were offer'd at outcry but Pagodas 1200. is under Mr. Berrimans Mannagement and yields less, shall enquire what occasions the Loss.

83. Can as yet say little to the Vizagapatam Revenues, will follow the orders about them and lessen the charge.

84. Town Conicoplys Duty will look after and all other branches, hope to raise the Revenues as high as ever.

85. Will endeavour to recover the Coddalore Customs as order'd paragraph 27 per Marlbrô.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS &C^{A}.

86. Will take care not to give occasion to the like Complaints with those in paragraph 55 per Monmouth.

87. In calculating the cost of the Madera Wine have always allow'd for leakage and Dammage above the prime cost, instance in the Godfreys and Cardonels valued at 26 and 27 pagodas Invoic'd at but £9.

88. Thankfull for Wine per Monmouth 5 Pipes sent to St. Davids 2 to Vizagapatam.

89. Persia Wine selling for two years so cheap lower'd that from Madera, pray may have 80 pipes yearly will sell it to disadvantage.

90. All the Writers sent arriv'd except Wm. How, who dy'd, desire more particular orders about their standing, Mr. Joseph Houghton as advis'd is made Secretary.

91. Mr. Torriano restor'd, Mr. English is well instructed in the Mint. Allowance of £ per annum for reading Divine Service discontinued long since, will pay it out of the Gratuity if again wanted, Mr. Long went to Bengall is since return'd and now is going to England.

92. Mr. Draper is dismiss'd and has repaid the 5 per cent Commission on Mr. Palmers Estate he goes home on the Marlborough.

93. Mr. Hordens paper deliver'd in 19th November in answer to paragraph 68 per Monmouth which believe is true, will never suffer any to be in the Companys Debt.

94. Mr. Jennings knows the leave he has to sue Mr. Richardsons Security.

95. Mr. Thomas Wright goes home with leave.

96. Mr. Cooke has paid the 100 pagodas into Cash, will examine the Chinam Affair, the building is at present sound.

97. Mr. Fowke acquiesces to the orders about him, will be more observant in future.

98. Lieutenant Gough laid down his Commission, is gone Supra Cargo on the London to the Bay and Surat.

99. Mr. Faucet is gone to clear his Accounts at Ingeram, shall try that cloth if worth while.

100. Captain Middleton quitted the George Brigantine, Captain William Crossing has her.

101. Mr. Wm. Harris dy'd 2d Vizagapatam, Mr. Acton from the West Coast dy'd in September.

102. Mr. Ringer went for Vizagapatam to succeed Mr. Ryder.

103. Mr. Boult on the Hartford design'd for the West Coast is distracted can't be cured in that hot climate.

104. Engineer Johnson dy'd so poor, Paymaster Bury'd him.

105. Will follow the Companys orders about admitting any into Councill and not be partiall.

106. The New Commission was publisht as order'd paragraph 2 per Marlbrô.

107. Will not be guilty of the like Errors with those blam'd paragraph 3d, 4th, 5th, and will make the enquirys directed.

108. Reason why can't now execute the Chancery Commission.

109. Will not suspend any but for plain infidelity & then give copy of the charge and due time to answer.

110. Will add the orders in Consultation to the Standing orders mention'd in paragraph 69.

111. The orders about Dr. Pichier told him.

112. Captain Seaton is acquainted with the Companys orders, and the Women say their diversions shall not prejudice the Companys Affairs.

113. Mr. Leake Chaplain arriv'd, is gone to St. Davids, Mr. Jennings likes him.

114. Captain Lademan dy'd insolvent his Creditors receiv'd but 63 per cent.

115. Report about the Military enter'd 2d November.

116. Do think the No. of souldiers limited by the Company too small yet will follow their orders in answer thereto, now the Company are fully appriz'd of what wrote.

117. Hope shall not be much in debt when all the shipping on the Coast are provided expect 2 will not be laden from Bombay will dispatch one of them in September if she comes to Madrass, hope credit will revive in England and the Companys Trade flourish.

118. Shall follow the orders about disabled men and have sent them to St. Davids, List of Pentioners and Pentions sent, pagodas for Souldiers children is to encourage them to marry, and not paid the Chaplain.

119. Copy of the order stuck up at the Sea Gate for Merchants to make demands for Injurys sent to St. Davids to be set up there.

120. West Coast Factors allow'd as if they were on the West Coast, and are to be sent thither, have consented that Messrs. Newcomb, Clerk, and Carter stay, desire the Company to appoint their standing. Messrs. Burton and Wilford at their desire sent to the West Coast with the Supravisor.

121. Mr. Hastings being ill did not ask him about H. Davy's estate, the Executors Draper and Wendy think they can't pay into the Companys Cash, Mr. Draper says he will satisfy the Heir when he comes to England.

122. Mr. Tho: Harris of the Boneta returns on the Heathcote.

123. Mr. Oliver returns on the Marlborough and Mr. Cooke, Mr. Hastings having given Security to pay the Debt to the Company.

124. Mr. Boult too weak to bear the fatigue of the Voyage.

125. Mr. Walsh who laid down having suffer'd great loss in the King George, at his desire of the 22th January reinstated, desire orders about his standing.

126. Paupa Braminee reinstated as per Consultation 4th December.

127. Have supply'd the Heathcote and Marlborough each with 1500 Bags Petre on the Captains pressing.

128. Mayors Courts Transactions will show how the Merchants were Fleec'd, are proceeding in the Enquiry, have by a Note on the Sea Gate in English and 5 Languages promis'd redress.

129. Consultations will show the mildness of their proceedings, and have try'd first privately to get the extortions recover'd and large ones have before would make the demands publick, Mr. Horden refusing to comply have let the Injur'd persons sue him in the Mayors Court to a large value, copy of proceedings sent, his visible Effects ly in arrest but Execution stopt till hear from the Company.

130. Pagodas 300,552 on the running Contract not yet brought in, shall therefore make no new Contract.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOMPTS.

131. Answer to the Accomptants letter sent, the faults complain'd of before their time, will take better care for the future.

132. Books and papers sent home are mention'd in the Lists.

133. Padree L'Abee has a bond to be paid 600 pagodas a year for the 10,000 Pagodas of the Jesuits Missionarys paid into Cash, he can never demand the original sūmm unless fail in paying the Annuity, but the Company may pay it back, desire orders for the Interest while it lay in Cash.

134. Have paid Mr. Hubbard Pagodas 111: 0: 8. his proportion of Mr. Mackys estate, if the Company disapprove he is to repay it.

135. Sunca Ramah has paid the years rent of the Villages without complaint of the famine.

136. Pagodas 1042: 9: 78. produce of Mr. Jenkinsons estate paid into Cash, Mr. Drake will collect what yet standing out.

137. Mr. Jennings had 4th Bill of Exchange because 1st lost in the King George.

138. Consultation 15th January shows why wrote off Pagodas 54:—: 55. wast in stores per Marlborough.

139. Mr. Hastings dy'd 15th December, before and since his death have receiv'd account Cash Debt pagodas 64,983: 12. and on warehouse silver pagodas 11,788: 34: 27., as you will see by the Consultations. Remains due to Cash pagodas 7,091: 34: 60. and for Silver pagodas 68,420: 6: 5. besides Interest due on both, at his

desire had leave to return on the Marlborough, Granted Captain Tolson leave to buy 12 tons red Wood to dunnidge his ship.

140. Mr. Farmers Remonstrance &c^{a}. relating to his accounts sent, pray the Companys directions therein.

141. Also Mr. Morris's about which pray Directions, they pay Interest for their Subsistance.

142. Have taken up money to supply the Bay and drawn Bills payable viz^{t}. pagodas 300 to Grace Orrill, pagodas 5,603 payable to Thomas Harris, pagodas 215 : 28. to Mr. George Lewis and Mrs. Wigmore, pagodas 1,320 : to Francois Cuperti, pagodas 4,210 : to the widow D'Ardan Court, pagodas 1,610 : 2 : 69. to Captain Edward Williamson, pagodas 3,515 : 4. to Arthur Beavis Esq., pagodas 17,777 : 28. to Mr Elihu Trenchfield, pagodas 11111 : 4. to George Morton Pitt, pagodas 3,700 : to Mr. John Legg, pagodas 407 : 21 : 60. to Captain Richard Pinell, pagodas 2222 : 8. to Mr. John Eaton Dodsworth, pagodas 6,851 : to Sir Nathaniel Gould, pagodas 6,666 : 24. to William Redshaw, pagodas 2,666 : 24., to Sir Robert Nightingale and Mr. Surman, pagodas 4,000 : to ditto, pagodas 6000 : to George Sitwell, pagodas 1,096 : to Benjamin Walker, pagodas 358 : 22. to Thomas Theobald, pagodas 296 : 25 : 9. to Messrs. Beavoir and Livesay, pagodas 800 to Captain Edward Elliston, pagodas 8,375 : 6. to Chr : Boone. pagodas 1,000. to Francis Chamberlayne Esq., pagodas 500 to Hugh Norris, pagodas 266 : 32 : 66. to Messrs. Lewes, Landen and Wendy, pagodas 2,000 to Edward Harrison, pagodas 1,700 to ditto, pagodas 589 : 14. to Mr. George Lewes.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

143. Consultation 30th March shows Mr. Cookes Dyet Money as Deputy Governor of Bencoolen was paid, Mr. Wessell returned what advanced him on account West Coast. Captain Middletons Account Current paid on Mr. Walshes Certificate.

144. Brigantine with the Supravisor &c^{a}. Sail'd from St. Davids for Bencoolen 19th January.

145. Creditors of Mr. Horden insisting could not stop Execution on Mr. Hordens Effects although wrote they should 129th paragraph.

146. Mr. Wendey petition'd that Mr. Draper might deliver Mr. Hastings Books &c^{a}., and added that Mr. Draper showing him an account current that his net estate was pagodas 61,000, he desir'd he who mannag'd all Mr. Hastings estate might show how he got it, Mr. Draper desiring had copy of the Petition, but instead of giving answer he was delivering over all his papers to his Attorneys and escaped that night.

147. Mr. Farquharso[n] entertain'd Surgeons mate of the Hospitall.

148. Plan sent for a new Mint will cost per estimate pagodas 3,000, very necessary but will not do it without orders, old one repaired will cost pagodas 200.

149. Copys of the St. Helenas Invoices sent.

150. Mr. Horden goes home on the Monmouth, sufficient of his Effects arrested to answer all demands yet made on him.

151. Mr. Vandenhaute Ostend Supra Cargo petitioned for the Chest of Silver saved out of the Dartmouths Wreck sent No. 50 but had not time to examine the Witnesses, believe the demand ill grounded.

152. Register of Captain Tolsons Goods Pagodas 3,330, of Captain Micklefields pagodas 5,770, of Captain Kemeys's pagodas 3,183. Register of Diamonds pagodas 7,082 : 23.

153. Heathcotes Invoice pagodas 114,907 : 29 : 60. Marlboroughs ditto, pagodas 111,083 : 60. Monmouths ditto 144,994 : 17 : 3.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 1722. Receiv'd Per Drake the 8th June 1723. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 326–333 (India Office Transcript)*]

1. Their last was of the 3d February per Monmouth, Heathcote &c^{a}. who sail'd the 4th, have since receiv'd the Companys Letter of the 14th June 1721 per Drake, which arriv'd Madrass 4th August with the Observations on the Coast and Bay Investments, these came too late because had the New Orders for Investments by the Fordwich and Bouverie on the 14th June, and the Companys Letters of the 6th and 13th December, with one from the Secret Committee 30th November, 13th July arriv'd the Devonshire and Enfield, with the Companys Letter 16th February, and one from the Secretary of the 23th Ditto, which shall answer at large by the January ships, and at present advise of occurrences since their last.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING &c^{a}.

2. Marlborough and Heathcote dispatcht home because hazardous to send them to the Bay arriving so late, Have sent Treasure to the Bay viz^{t}. 9th March 26 Chests on the Samuel with Stores making pagodas 59,817 : 6 : 26., 18th March on the Britania 22 Chests making pagodas 57,531 : 17 : 23.

3. 2d April Arriv'd Middlesex from Benjar bringing 9 Chests Treasure, hear the James and Mary might get her lading to depart in February. Copys sent of the Supra Cargos of those two ships dyarys.

4. 14th April Goodfellow Arriv'd from West Coast, with a General Letter from the Supravisor for Mr. Hubbard &c^{a}. dated 24th February, Mr. Pyke had laden on her Pepper 195 Candy $\frac{md.}{11}$: $\frac{lb.}{15}$: and 22 Leagers Arrack, and when the George Brigantine Arriv'd 7th February Mr. Pyke order'd Captain Smith to sail with the Goodfellow for England, thô no Invoice Bill Lading or Letter was signed, and the Supravisor order'd the said Smith not to sail, on this the Drake and George Brigantine brought her back again, and turn'd out Smith from being captain. List of wages due to the Goodfellows Mariners and of what paid them sent.

5. 14th May sent to Bengall on the Success 11 Chests Treasure value pagodas 25,499 : 4. 22th ditto on the Brampore 20 Chests amounting to pagodas 45,840 : 26 : 26.

6. 24th May Goodfellow sent back to the West Coast with Goods and Stores, and Mr. Arch. Elliot Surgeon.

7. King George from Bombay for China arriv'd Madrass 22th May let to Mr. Scattergood and Hill for rupees 20,000, she sail'd 17th June.

8. 4th June Middlesex sent to St. Davids to lade for England, having her Kintlage and Pepper aboard, that she might be ready to sail for England with other ships in September, sent pagodas 30,000 on her to St. Davids and stores, 3d September she return'd with 1,300 Bales.

9. Bouverie sail'd for Bengall 21th June with 25 Chests Treasure, took out the soldiers by her being out of order, and wanting Europeans for the West Coast, and wrote Bengal if they can't spare them would return them.

10. 13th July Arriv'd Commodore Mathews in the Lyon, saluted her with 31 guns, it was return'd, Commodore invited came on shore in the Evening, said since he left the Mallabar Coast in March had been round Madagascar and saw no Pyrates, the Exeter and Salisbury sent from Johanna to the Gulph of Mocha to secure the Trade.

11. Same day came in the Devonshire and Enfield, the 17th July arriv'd the Shoreham, Captain Mayne, she was station'd off Zeylon to secure ships from the Pyrates and to stay there till 20th July, but drove off by the Winds and Currents was off Madrass 29th June.

12. Commodore Mathews at his desire was supply'd with Dollars at 6*s*. 6*d*. to the amount of £5,000, for which took four Bills on the Commissioners of the Victualling three of them now sent.

13. 25th July Shoreham and Lyon sail'd for Bengall and the Devonshire and Fordwich on which sent 40 Chests Treasure, and the paragraph about sending the Fordwich and Bouverie on freight voyages.

14. 4th August Drake arriv'd from the West Coast, with Supravisor Hubbard and Mr. Pyke, and 14 Chests Treasure, thô wanted at the West Coast the Supravisor chose to take Bills on Madrass.

15. 11th August sent on the Charles to Bengall 14 Chests Treasure on the 16th ditto on the Fancy 10, and on the 22th ditto 30 Chests on the Mocha Galley.

16. 6th August the President was advis'd the Companys ship Metchlepatam run ashore near Covelong, Joseph Barier, the captain, got away to Pondichery for fear of answering for his carelessness, she had nothing in her but 120 Slabs of lead for ballast, and was too bad to be repair'd, have sent people to save what possible.

17. 11th August arriv'd the Hanover bound for Bombay, his reasons enter'd 5th September, his soldiers on board being sickly took on shore to refresh. Bombay to be debted for the expence, she will sail the 30th.

18. 12th August Brigantine Derby arriv'd from the West Coast with 60 Slabs lead and 4 Guns, is sent to the Bay to refit, with her lead and Guns, which sell well there.

19. 14th August arriv'd the three Bombay Galleys with all the Nightingales Treasure, but 4 Chests kept at the Cape, Copys sent of the Papers receiv'd from the Captains and Mr. Higginson, their Industry in saving what they could appears therein, the Bombay vessels sail this day.

20. Will observe the Secret Committees orders relating to the Walpole as well for hastening her to England as disposing of her Cargo.

21. 31st May Captain Pelly complain'd of 5 of the Middlesex men running away with his yawl in the Road, this advised to the Bay as well as to Vizagapatam, where they were seiz'd and carry'd by the Fancy to Bengal to be deliver'd to Commodore Mathews.

22. Charterparty Money of the Drake paid to Captain Westerbane on his request of 15th August as per receipt sent.

23. Have supply'd the three dispatcht ships with as little Petre as they could, Have Letters advising all the China ships had been at Batavia except the Walpole, the Godfrey was gone Benjar, the Cæsar and Townshend were sail'd from Mocha to Bombay and Mallabar Coast, the Ostender Loyall India arriv'd Mocha 8th Aprill was near laden and design'd about 10th August to sail to Surat to sell her Woollen Goods, her Supra Cargos Messrs. Gold and Ray.

24. Sloop Dartmouth sent in February to be near the Dartmouths Wreck to endeavour to recover her Treasure, she lay there till most part of August and gave no hopes to recover anything, then sent her to Metchlepatams Wreck, from whence she brought up what was sav'd, being useless sold her at Outcry, could get no more than pagodas 67 for her.

25. The George Brigantine expected from the West Coast in January.

26. 29th August two French ships arriv'd Pondichery, sail'd from France 20th March, report their cargos to be pagodas 800,000 of which half goods, the largest winters at Mergy, being afraid to venture up Bengall River, the other goes for Mallabar and Mocha, a ship which came in company with Mr. Dulivier and arriv'd Pondichery the beginning of August, he is gone to Surat to settle accounts there, and Expected next year at Pondichery to value that settlement and examine their Accounts. French Companys servants allow'd liberty to trade to all parts but Mocha and Manilla.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM ENGLAND.

27. Defer sending demands for Europe Goods and Stores till January, the Merchants scrupled taking off the small quantity receiv'd of Woollen goods at last years prices, thô have agreed to do it, a few pieces reserv'd for the Garrisons use.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

28. Shall answer this fully in the reply to the Companys Letter.

29. Have made the best use of the late fair season to get the Goods cur'd by the Washers to be sent to arrive for the March sale, hope these three ships will arrive accordingly. Fort St. Davids hath provided Bales 2,410 thereof, hope they will assist to dispatch the January ships that none may lay on hand.

30. Have this year lessen'd the dy'd Blue Cloth pagodas 1½ per Corge. Consultations 20th March show why allow'd the Washers 20 Fanams more than usual on every 100 pieces Longcloth, and 10 Fanams on every 100 Salampores to make them equal to St. Davids.

31. Mr. Symonds of Vizagapatam come by leave to Madrass 15th May return'd 11th August, he carry'd with him the Companys Orders about Investments is supply'd with money and promises to send as good Cloth as usual at least 5 per cent cheaper. Mr. Fawcet has been at Ingeram some Months hopes to get Cloth, has and shall have supplys of Money. Mr. Symonds promises to assist him, dont hear he has done much, will however encourage him if he is not too expensive in Presents and does not raise the Goods at Vizagapatam for Ingeram &c^{a}. supplys that Place.

32. Have supply'd the Bay as far as they could pagodas 188,688 : 17 : 5. sent last year, and this year pagodas 276,345 : hope by drawing on the Company to carry on their Investments without taking up Money at Interest.

33. Refer to Consultation 4th April to show the Contract for Bales 3,000 made at St. Davids agreable to List Demands.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL &^{a}.

34. Thankfull for the Companys getting out four Men of War to secure their Trade, hear of no Pyrates in India, thô the French say two at Johanna slipt their Cables, and went away when they were there.

35. Their India Trade declines, Voyages bad, Persia in troubles, no Goods sell to profit at Mocha, Suratt Markett bad for want of Money, can send but two ships to Manilla and one to Syam in a year. Silver too dear to carry on a trade to China, fear the Walpole and Eyles's goods will come to a low markett.

36. The Country all about them in peace, the Nabob has been long put off from his expected present, will always spare what possible in that Article.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS, & REVENUES.

37. Have made no new Buildings but a convenient Lodge for the Lascars as per Consultation of 4th April.

38. The three Bridges are now compleated, hope they will stand the severest Monsoon, the Company shall be reimburst out of the Conicoply Duty for that next the Fort, the Merchants are to pay for the other two, next years books will show the account of all three are cleared.

39. 14th March were repaid the 100 Pagodas lent the Inhabitants of Lingumbaucum villages towards repairing their Tank.

40. 13th February St. Davids Arrack Farm let out at pagodas 1,450 per annum.

41. 14th June recover'd pagodas 152 : 15. an old Debt of Poncalla Raja Gopaul measuring Farmer.

42. Egmore &c^{a} villages kept in the Companys hands produced very little as per report of Messrs. Turner and Oadham the 27th April wherein is an Account what let for from the beginning, set them up to Outcry, endeavour'd to get the Joynt Stock Merchants to take them at the old rate, forced to let them at pagodas 1,360. and 35 pagodas to pay the Caun Gohee duty for three years, the Renters would have had a longer time but refused till had the Companys orders.

43. Mr. Stephen Newcome had the care of them for two years, he is sent down Third to Vizagapatam, his account Currant, enter'd in Consultation 15th August, will shew they did best in letting them to farm.

44. Town Brokers Cowle granted to Nundaten and Gopaul Dauze on the old terms, Could not raise it nor thought fit to the Cowle to the former Renter.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, SOLDIERS, AND THEIR ACCOMPTS.

45. Consultation of the 6th February will show Messrs. Cooke, Wendey, White and Hordens declarations touching Mr. Hastings state of health. When Mr. Draper brought him a Paper to sign reflecting on the President and Council, believe Mr. Draper drew it up with a vile design.

46. Mr. Hordens protest sent from aboard the Monmouth enter'd 6th February.

47. Mr. Wendey, executor to Mr. Hastings, paid in the Ballance of what Mr. Hastings ow'd to Cash the 13th February, with Interest from 15th October the Account Currant enter'd in that Consultation.

48. 25th July Mr. Wendey paid in the Ballance of the Silver Account which Mr. Cooke deliver'd Mr. Hastings, the Account currant enter'd the 26th.

49. 25th June Mr. Wendey petitioned that he might not pay the Debt Mr. Hastings made over to the Company and which Mr. Wright carry'd from China to England, fearing there would not else be enough to pay the other Creditors, which could not grant but they promised to interceed with the Company to allow an Interest on what the Company receiv'd in England.

50. On Captain Seatons earnest request and paying pagodas 44: 16. have discharged James Lauder Centinel.

51. Charles Dobyns, writer, dy'd at St. Davids intestate 23th June, his Effects order'd to be taken care of.

52. John Clarke and Thomas Pennyman factors and Thomas Stevens writer permitted to lay down the service.

53. John Russon factor dy'd 25th August intestate his Will drawn out but not wrote fair or sign'd, Messrs. Turner and Emmerson consented to be his Trustees, and will accept the Trust Copy of the intended Will enter'd 25th August.

54. Receipt for Souldiers head money on the Bouverie and Fordwhich sent.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOMPTS.

55. 5th September Mr. Turner paid in pagodas 51. and pagodas 30: 20. for Servants Wages and horsekeeping during his 22 Months Suspension, thought the Company would not have scrupled that Allowance.

56. 20th February paid Paupa Braminy the pagodas 1,504: 9: 58. the Amount of his Estate seiz'd being sensible of his Error, and the most proper person in Madrass for being the Chief Dubash and understanding the nature of the Country Government.

57. Their Books of Accompts not copy'd but shall send all by the next Ships.

58. Since dispatch of the Heathcote &c^{a}. have receiv'd into our Cash and given Bills for Pagodas 500 payable to John Lauder, pagodas 111: 4. to Richard Sallows, pagodas 2,000 to Edward Harrison Esq. pagodas 9,333: 12. to Richard Benyon, pagodas 564: 4: 64 to John Legg, pagodas 800: 13: 62. to Thomas Buckley, pagodas 1,870: 16. to Michael Gray, pagodas 2,500: to Henry Harnage, pagodas 12,220: 11. to John Freeman of Fawley Court Esq^{r}., pagodas 6,100: to Captain William Westerbane, pagodas 1,572: 6: 36. to Captain John Gough, pagodas 962: 3: 63. to Alexander Bennet, pagodas 444: 16: to James Theobalds, pagodas 222: 8. to the Reverend George Lewes, pagodas 1111: 4. payable to Philip Tullie, pagodas 1,000 to Captain Thomas Panuwell, pagodas 666: 24. to Francis Edwards Esq^{r}., pagodas 500. to Richard Hodgson, pagodas 5,000. to Captain Alexander Fullerton, pagodas 400. to Edward Harrison Esq., pagodas 276: 4: 33. to Mrs. Catherine Williamson, pagodas 111: 4. to Mr. James Wendey, pagodas 1,392: to Hugh Cambell, pagodas 1111: 4. to John Turner, Linnen Draper in Fleet street, pagodas 1,845: 25: 64. to Ralph Radcliffe or John Elwicke, pagodas 5,921: 18: 51. to Sir John Lock, pagodas 4,440: 26: 65. to Mrs. Elizabeth Payne, pagodas 200 to Thomas Stevens, pagodas 1111: 4. to Hugh Cambell. In all pagodas 64,287: 31: 38.

EIGHTHLY CONCERNING THE WEST COAST.

59. Mr. Hubbard Supravisor arriv'd on the West Coast 7th February. Mr. Pyke oppos'd their orders all he could. Dispatcht the Goodfellow after sight of the Brigantine as in paragraph 4, imprisoned those sent to tell him of the Supravisors arrival, fir'd at the Boat which supposed was bringing the Supravisor ashore, as per West Coast Consultations now sent.

60. Refer to Letter 24th February per Goodfellow for an Account of the Condition of the Buildings at Marlbrô on their Arrival, Plan of the Fort sent by the Drake the foundation of all laid except one Bastion and a Curtain then digging, One Curtain rais'd 4 feet above ground, and most of the other works 1½ Foot, expect all will be done in little more than a year.

61. Have entertain'd 2 Factors to be sent to the West Coast and Mr. Bugden to be Third of Council, have none fit to bring up the Months Accounts, pray the Company will send some.

62. The West Coast Garrison very weak, hope the Company have sent souldiers by the Lethieullier, will send some Topasses and Europeans by a Country Ship, till have Buildings and Accommodations there which will be 2 or 3 years first the place will be sickly, will want fifty souldiers a year.

63. Mr. Pykes Case under Examination will be sent by the January Ships. West Coast Consultation Book shows the Supravisors &c^{a}. proceedings against Mr. Pyke, which appear to be Equitable and just, Mr. Hubbard hopes for the Gratuitous Sallary Allow'd to a Deputy Governor of the West Coast.

64. Fordwich Bouverie and Devonshire got safe to Bengal. The Fordwich will come to Madrass with 600 Bales and fill'd up with stores.

65. Mr. Boult returns on the Enfield hoping change of air may help to lessen his distraction and Rheumatism.

66. Invoice of the Middlesex pagodas 90,901: 20: 75. Captains Register pagodas 1,304: Dyamonds Register pagodas 23,909: 22: 53. Drakes Invoice pagodas 86,085: 7: 46. Captains Register pagodas 1,409: 11. Dyamond Register pagodas 16,728: 35. Enfields Invoice pagodas 92,168: 22: 55. Captains Register pagodas 1,328: Dyamond Register pagodas 25,134: 4: 15. all their St. Helena Invoices pagodas 409: 25: 25.

67. Wish all to arrive safely and the Companys affairs to prosper.

JAMES HUBBARD CATESBY OADHAM NATH^{L}: ELWICK
GEORGE DRAKE JOHN EMMERSON NATH^{L}: TURNER
RANDALL FOWKE RICH^{D}: BENYON.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 17, 1723. Received Per Eyles, the 5th June 1723. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 334–344 (India Office Transcript)*].

1. The Enfield and other two ships sail'd 30th September, are now to answer the Companys letters receiv'd and give Account of their affairs.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT AND RETURN'D.

2. 3d December the Eyles arriv'd rom China, the Walpole believe winter'd at Batavia, reasons for sending the Eyles to Madrass are in the Packett, her Tootenague intended for the Bay, her Tea sent home, the rest of her Cargo sold at Outcry very Low as per account, there being but little demand for Sugar, Sugar-candy, or Allom, and expectation of the Boneta and Macao ships being the Cause, the China ware sold low and came short of the Invoice, China root sold well, hope what they have done will be approv'd.

3. Fordwich arriv'd from the Bay 15th December, the letters from thence No. 78 and 102 mention will lade home the Devonshire and Nightingale and 600 Bales per Fordwich and should be able to clear their Debts by the supplys sent them, hearing since the Nightingale is lost, will send home the Bouverie.

4. Hope the Company will not blame the three Bombay Galleys for carrying the Treasure to Madrass sav'd out of the Nightingale. Letters from Bombay advise the Frederick was arriv'd, three Pyrate ships had been at Mosambique before she touched there, vizt. the Great Portugeez ship, the Cassandra, and a ship with a Pink stern, the Salisbury and Exeter had been on that Coast and departed a few days before the Pyrates arriv'd. The Danes ship expected but not arriv'd.

5. The French ships reported they saw two Pyrates at Johanna pretending to be English Men of War, but Cut and went away in the night, Commodore Mathews and the Shoreham gone to the other Coast, hope will look after them.

6. Fordwich sent 27th December to St. Davids and on her 30,000 pagodas to supply their Cash, besides 56,000 sent before.

7. The Goodfellows sailors arrears paid to the time Captain Crossing had her, as per receipts sent amounting to £951 : 8. deducting the three months paid in England, she is ever since on the Country Account as to Wages and the men discharg'd, Captain Potter dying and his Accounts lost, and Mr. Pyke dismissing the Officers which came out on her, have had great trouble in making up their Accounts, hope they will prove satisfactory.

8. 5th September Consultation will show they paid Captain Smith his account of Disbursements which could not disprove and had Captain Crossings Opinion as to the Prices.

9. 15th August advanc'd the Drake 300 Dollars per 100 Tons at 6*s*. 6*d*. as per Charterparty.

10. Shall now answer the Companys letters under this head.

11. The Eyles's dispatch will show have obey'd the Secret Committees Orders, should the Lethieullier arrive in time hope to dispatch her to prevent Demorage.

12. Have receiv'd no Gold consign'd them from the China Council.

13. The Benjar ship had been at Batavia, hope she and the James and Mary will do their Business.

14. Have order'd the homeward bound ships to keep Company and told them the Evil would attend them if they did not.

15. Hope the early dispatch of the three last and these two ships will show their care to comply with their Promises.

16. In answer from Paragraph 7 to 14 do promise to use all means to discourage the Ostenders and publish the Acts of Parliament against them, and oblige the Free Merchants to enter into the new Indentures and give security, the Companys Orders was made publick and if disobey'd will inflict the Penalty.

17. In answer to paragraph 40 about the Black merchants returning there are besides Sunca Rama and his Family all the Patans Cast trading to and from Bengal, the Mint Braminys, Boderoy, the great Dyamond Merchant, and many other Persons of Substance.

18. Hope none can complain of being squeez'd, Imprison'd or ill used, none restrain'd but in the usual Course of Justice and Mayors Court, the Consultations will show the few.

19. Will be more carefull in advising of Monys paid the Captains or Goods deliver'd.

20. The Captains of the Country vessels Indent for all necessary Stores, and the Storekeeper is to deliver none till he knows how the Former were expended, believe due care therein are sure it has this last year and shall be frugal for the future.

21. Have sent to St. Helena the 1 per cent in Arrack, Rice, and Sugar according to their Letter per Drake.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

22. List sent of Demands for Goods, Stores, and 600 Bales of Broad Cloth which the Merchants grumbled to take off, desire to have them exact as to Colours and Prices, the demands are distinguisht which for sale which for use. List sent of Remains, the damag'd Cloth was deliver'd to the Commanders as if good as to price. Stores per Fordwich deliver'd short wrote off to profit and loss for reasons in the 2d August also 7 cwt. 11lb. Lead per Heathcote and Marlbrô. the pieces being right, suppose it to arise from difference of weights.

23. Sent what Lead was wanted to the Bay, rest of it and the Iron, sold the lead at pagodas $11\frac{5}{6}$ to $10\frac{3}{8}$ per Candy, and the Iron from $11\frac{1}{4}$ to 12 pagodas.

24. Forced to buy stationary ware and medicines as per Consultations 25th August and 20th November, desire equal quantities on 2 ships.

25. Shall soon send the Tootenague to the Bay where it bears a good price.

26. The Merchants have 810 Bales of Woollen Goods now in their Godowns which they can't vend, therefore pray an exact complyance as to the Colours to mix with the yellows, if the price be rais'd thô the Cloth be worth it, it would not go off, can't vend what wrote for if not of the sorts demanded.

27. In answer to paragraph about the Cardonels wine, do say leakage and decay were allow'd, shall now take 20 per cent on the wine to the Companys servants, how the 120 pipes were disposed of.

28. Of the Monmouths 80 pipes wine 10 leak'd out, 23 sold at 20 per cent on Invoice, 21 to the Governours Table at 2 per month, $16\frac{1}{2}$ at the General Table, 8 sent to Bengal, 2 leak'd out, 3 sour sold for pagodas 27 : 6 : 20.

29. In answer to paragraph 29 the 2 pipes of sour wine sold for pagodas 38 as per books, 4 pipes in the Paymasters account and are not above the two pipes per month but charged for March and April, and valuing them at 26 pagodas is neither gain nor loss.

30. Do take care not to sell guns or Stores so as to come to any Pyrates hands.

31. When find a favourable time shall dispose of the Lead and Iron receiv'd this year.

THIRDLY CONCERNING INVESTMENTS.

32. What Bales sent on the dispatcht ships, hope with the Remains and pepper to lade the Lethieullier if comes in time.

33. Have no doubt the merchants will provide Cloth early if have Mony to supply them.

34. 1000 Candy of Pepper bought of Sunca Rama at 22 pagodas per candy the 19th May, what part sent and on what ships. Rice, Value 900 pagodas bought for the Washers and deliver'd out to them in small parcells as per consultation 27th February hope to clear that debt speedily, pay to the Washers advanced as per last, but the dying lower'd $1\frac{1}{2}$ pagodas per corge.

35. Have on discourse gain'd an abatement on the price of goods provided by Mr. Symonds, Mr. Faucet has Money to provide goods at Ingeram, the young Derby is to bring up goods from Vizagapatam to save freight, have set up a new pair of screws for the Warehouse as per Consultation 27th April.

36 Consultation 6th October will show the Reason for building 30 Boats and a shed for the Workmen, which will also advance the Customs.

37. Same Consultation shows of the deficiency of the Lead that the Pepper lost by Dust 7c. 19md. 5lb. and gain'd in weight 2c. 11md. 13lb. which was receiv'd from Mr. Cooke, Cowries receiv'd from him also lost in washing, Candys 4 : 15md 4lb. will follow the notice sent from the Secretary not to wash but dry them &ca.

38. 400 Bags of Petre supply'd the Fordwich lately come from Bengal is sent to St. Davids to fill up, the Eyles is to accompany her home and to water at St. Davids as the Captain Desired.

39. Will in the Contract to be next made keep close to the Investments orders as to Lengths, breadths, and good Musters, what hitherto sent is on Mr. Hastings Contract but kept up to Muster in sorting, will if possible lower the next contracts.

40. Last year had only 8000 pagodas at Interest and none this but the annuity to the China Missionarys, and by drawing Bills hope to continue so.

41. Can't answer paragraph 35 about the sale of silver, but what they have sold has been to the full value.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

42. The French ships brought pagodas 800,000 in Mony and Goods as reported, have endeavour'd to learn the Truth but Can't come at it, the ship from Mergy return'd to them and bound home the other for Mallabar.

43. The Nabob expects a present from the English having sent a horse and Serpaw to them, they return'd him a present of pagodas 500 which was refused till the President wrote he would send no more, refer to the Letters 55, 63, 64 and 65.

44. Great troubles at Ispahan, the Agent shut up with the King in the City by the Rebels, many dye there daily, fear the Companys priviledges will suffer.

45. Trade in India very low, Persia trade lost, that to Surat overdone will scarce yield Interest. Hope the Company will let them trade to China to advantage, the Customs will show Trade is encourag'd. Have given publick Notice of the Companys giving all free Liberty of Trading.

46. Are thankfull for the Companys sending the three Galleys to defend them from Angria &c^{a}. pyrates. In answer to paragraph 48 would not have grudg'd the Charge if had the benefit of the Grabs, which had not because either sent on freight or employ'd to take care of particular ships.

47. Mar Kist[n]a Mr. Hastings Dubash found guilty of notorious facts as per Consultation 8th September Vinketty Putty was Confin'd but releas'd on clearing with his Creditors, he is the only man has left the bounds of late, expect will soon return.

48. Dutch complain'd of for their ill offices as in Letter Book No. 63, refus'd the English ships wood and water at Cochin but assisted the Pyrates, and deny'd the English ships to ride in Tuttacoreen Bay at Anchor thô in danger of being lost thereby, hear they deny'd to supply the Hartford with Anchors and Cables at Batavia when had lost three in a storm.

49. Hope the Company approve what they did last year about seizing the Bales drove ashore from the King George, urg'd that for the reason of making the Nabob no present.

50. The demand about the villages lessens, have told him are resolv'd to keep them, hope shall hear no more of it.

51. Ostenders at Covelong despicable have no Mony. Other Europeans having full employment for their Merchants hope none will assist the Ostenders, if any do that depend on the Company will use the severitys declar'd to the Inhabitants if found concern'd therein.

52. Grain now very cheap will always keep a stock by them and behave towards the Moors ships as they did and encourage both the Casts to encrease both the Inhabitants and Trade.

53. 31st May seiz'd Coral belonging to the Bashaw of Bussorahs relation. Did admit it to an entry but publickly declar'd would not do so again.

54. 23th September the Mogul had a son born, large presents made thereupon by the Great men. Chickles Caun made Suba of Guzzarat, Surat, &c^{a}, he would not agree to the Kings order for Ibra Cooly Caun to be Subah of Auringabad instead of Eywas Caun.

55. Eywas Caun on this departed with his Relations towards the Coast of Saunda, the Mogul thereupon order'd strict Guards on all the Roads. Believe in February next there will be great Changes among the Nabobs, think their Nabob as secure as any.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, AND REVENUES.

56. Grant to Captain Powney and Mr. Walsh of ground behind their houses as formerly advised.

57. Particulars of Fort St. Davids buildings in the Packett, order'd to begin no new till the Company direct it.

58. Bridges rebuilt strong have stood one Monsoon. Town Conicoply Duty shall pay for that at the Fort, have receiv'd 2,000 pagodas in part of the other, will collect the rest as soon as possible.

59. The * Buttecas repair'd to prevent falling down, the † Banyans could not keep their seats there. Plan of Metchlepatam Factory in its bad condition sent. Mr. Holcombe order'd to fit up a small apartment for himself and repair the flagstaff foundation.

60. Lewis Mellique, Arrack and Wine Licence Farmer, dying, let to Henry Crawford for pagodas 20 advance on the old rent.

61. Merchants very uneasy to pay Customs till have receiv'd Mony for their Goods. Collectors take care there be no bad debts. Good usage of the merchants will advance the Revenues.

62. Specimen sent of the Sea Customs from the year 1715 to now.

63. Way to Egmore is beneficial to the Companys Fort but little to the Inhabitants.

64. Bound Renters and Arrack Farmers at St. Davids Charge Mar Kistna with Monys paid him, which if prov'd will near clear their Debts.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, SOULDIERS, AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

65. Mr. Feake intends home on the Devonshire Mr. Deane to succeed him.

66. Refer to Consultation 6th June for the Company to direct what Sallary shall be paid to Engineer Johnson.

67. Advices from Bombay mention Mr. Gyffords debt to the Company with desire to stop any of his Effects, what have done thereupon with the Supra Cargo of the Thomas Brigantine and in writing to the Bay where his Widdow is.

68. Shall follow orders about Mr. Higginson when he comes from the Cape and pay respects to his Mother when arrives.

69. Mr. Joshua Bays succeeds Mr. Russon, the deceas'd Steward. Mr. Richard English him as Searcher till Mr. Higginson arrives.

70. Captain Goughs answer to Robert Gearys Friends Complaints enter'd the 30th June. Do take the utmost care to prevent the Officers abusing the poor, have order'd Geary to be made Serjeant at the West or discharge him if desires it.

71. Samuel Raworth paid pagodas 44 : 16. for his discharge from the Military, will not fail to advise such things for the future.

72. Do take care all papers sent be duly examin'd certify'd Dated and sign'd.

73. List of Peons how employ'd and what pay sent in answer to paragraphs 65 and 66. Are carefull to save in every Expence.

74. Mr. Wendey has long since given up his Pallenkeen, shall not be allow'd in future.

75. All accounts of Remains shall be enter'd in words to prevent Mistakes.

76. Will follow orders in paragraph 70 to detain such as quit the service without discharges, and only shall give discharges as order'd.

* A common word in Ceylon and the Madras Presidency (to which it is now peculiar) for a small native shop or booth (*Hobson-Jobson, p. 108.*)

† A Hindu trader and especially of the Province of Guzerat (*Hobson-Jobson, p. 63*).

77. Company ordering but 7,000 pagodas for charges dyet, thereupon appointed to allow the Inferior servants 8 pagodas a Month, the Council each 10 pagodas, and the President 249, which will not repay his Charge to keep up the Grandure of the Post.

78. Allow'd at St. Davids to the Deputy Governour 150 pagodas, the second 10 the other Servants 8 pagodas a Month.

79. Mr. Woollastons two sons dyed, one at the Maldivees, the other at Syam.

80. Mr. Teshmakers Effects are all sent home scarce enough in the Bay to bury him.

81. Charles Wangfords Effects not sufficient to pay off his Respondentia Bonds.

82. Ballance of John Turton's Estate paid into Cash being pagodas 7720 : 1 : 79., 75 pagodas paid p[ar]t of it to Mr. Cookes Attorney, pagodas 1424 : 6 : 34. paid in to answer debts yet unpaid.

83. Bills given for pagodas 310 receiv'd into Cash for the deceas'd John Rogers, payable to John Hare for the Widdow and Daughter.

84. Ezekiel Paices Effects pagodas 209 : 10 : 42. will be wrote off to account currant London, if hear of more of his Effects will take care to pay them into Cash.

85. Have demanded the 5 per cent Commission on Mrs. Sarah Burnistons Estate, the Church Wardens say the 5 per cent taken is by order of Vestry for the use of the Poor and so Charg'd in the Church Books.

86. Refer to Letter paragraph 2 of the 3d February 1721 for answer of the Companys 27th paragraph.

87. Ballance of Ensign Van Itterns Account at St. Davids is pagodas 63 : 11 : 16.

88. Bills sent for the Ballance of James Hammonds Estate being pagodas 266 : 32 : 66.

89. Mr. Pyke late Deputy Governour of Bencoolen comes home on the Eyles, can get no security from him but his Bond sent in the Packett to answer demands, refer to Papers about him enter'd in Consultation 8th and 20th September, 4th and 8th December.

90. 200 pagodas advanc'd Lieutenant Courtney as per Consultation 5th December for subsisting the Soldiers charg'd to Bombay Presidency and Advis'd.

91. List of Military and Gunroom Crew sent, have had a sickly time, most of the new recruits dead, want 60 to 80 men yearly to make up 300 Europeans, and the West Coast to supply out of them.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOMPTS.

92. Accompt of the Annes Proprietors in India repaying their parts of pagodas 1250. paid the Syam Barcalong sent Mr. Harrison the amount, suppose the rest will repay theirs, would send the List if knew them.

93. Have wrote the Accomptant what books and papers have now sent.

94. Have drawn Bills on the Company for the following sums rather than borrow at Interest or sell Silver at under rate, pagodas 7000 payable to Edward Harrison Esq., pagodas 5000 payable to Messrs. Jennings and Hoar, pagodas 610 : 4 : 44. payable to Sir Thomas Frederick, pagodas 289 : 6. payable to the Rev. George Lewis, pagodas 310. payable to John Hare. Account Widdow Rogers and Daughter, pagodas 444 : 16. payable to Grace Orrill, pagodas 524 : 29. payable to Hugh Norris, pagodas 1264 : 23 : 50. payable to Osmond Beauvoir and Paradine Livesay Esq., pagodas 456 : — : 65. payable to Benjamin Walker, pagodas 27789 : 10 : 8. payable to Charles Boone Esq., pagodas 20546 : 13 : 37. payable to Sir Thomas Frederick, pagodas 8840 : 25 : 40. payable to James Peachey Esq., pagodas 1078 : 13 : 26. payable to Mr. Joh Legg, pagodas 303 : 21 : 71. payable to John Freeman Esq., pagodas 5630 : 29 : 50. payable to Mr. Elihu Trenchfield, pagodas 181. payable to William Elliot, pagodas 5000. payable to Captain

John Harry, pagodas 1400. payable to Benois Durnas, pagodas 100. payable to Mrs. Dorothy Thwaite, pagodas 3312 : 19 : 5. payable to John Turner, pagodas 345 : 5 : 40. payable to Captain John Pinnell, pagodas 444 : 6. payable to John Styleman Esq^{r}., pagodas 1433 : 15. payable to John Lauder, pagodas 50 : payable to John Johnson, pagodas 6271 : 10 : 11. to Sir Nathaniel Gould and Samuel Feake Esq^{r}.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

95. Have sent on the Perry to the West Coast Stores and five Europeans and Thirty Topasses with Mr. Bugden Third of Council and four Factors, 600 pagodas to be paid for her Hire, and the Place in great want of supplyes.

96. Necessitated to Entertain so many having not sufficient there to keep the Accounts, or even the Accounts of particular Offices, the Persons sent believe well qualified, hope to have regular Books, necessary to send 50 or 60 souldiers yearly and 5 or 6 Covenant Servants.

97. 385 Dollars paid into Cash of Mr. John Cauliers Estate, hear of no demands upon it, also Dollars 1356 : 1. of Dr. Hopkins Effects, know of no Demands thereon.

98. £515 : 12 : 6. due from Mr. Pyke at St. Helena is paid by him.

99. Mr. Pykes Account Currant enclos'd, had charg'd him for account of House Necessarys and Plate but deducted it he assuring he had none, and thô Mr. Hubbard wrote to Mr. Deane to Moco Moco to send copys of all Accounts from Mr. Pykes arrival could get none earlier than January 1721–2 just before he came back from Bencoolen.

100. Are forced to refer Mr. Pykes Affair to the Company for can get no Satisfaction from him without Severity which has been found fault with, nor have they further Orders than to expell Offenders.

SUPPLEMENT.

101. Advices from Surat say the Hannover is Arriv'd Bombay, the Madrass ships Hannover and King George sail'd with her. Surat Market very bad, the Dutch 10 Lack rupees in debt, and their goods worth 5 not vendable, so that their Moco Bills are at 10 per cent Discount. Fear the Bengal ships can't sell their Cargos, Chickles Caun gone with a great Army to engage Hyder Cooley Caun, wish the Last may prevail. The three Galleys have taken two Portugeez Grabbs of 18 and 20 guns and 120 men each, and carry'd them to Bombay. The Grabb Victoria Captain Lawson took Angrias Admiral Grabb with near 100 Prisoners, her Chief Gunner a Dutch Man kill'd, the Silver Chain about her Prow worth 1500 Rupees, is gone in quest of three more.

102. The President thankfull for the favour to him, desires leave to return to England.

103. French ships Bourbon and Atlanta sail'd the 14th for Europe can't learn their Lading.

104. The Eyles dispatcht to joyn the Fordwich off St. Davids for England.

105. Have no Register of Private Trade from Captain Winter.

106. Register sent of Dyamonds value pagodas 7761.

107. Eyles Invoice pagodas 129,345 : 1 : 50. that to St. Helena pagodas 212 : 25 : 60. Can't tell the Fordwiches Cargo from St. Davids. Have enough there to lade the Lethieullier, expect at Madrass by the 10th February 717 Bales.

NATHANIEL ELWICK. JOHN EMMERSON.
NATHANIEL TURNER. RANDALL FOWKE.
RICHARD BENYON. JAMES HUBBARD.
GEORGE DRAKE.

P. S. Bill drawn for pagodas 250 payable to William Loxham. This Morning receiv'd 781 Bales from Vizagapatam expect 60 more and 500 Bags Petre per Derby.

Invoice of the Ferdwich pagodas 103,510 : 26 : 34. from Madrass besides what from St. Davids, Captains Register pagodas 1,935, that of Dyamonds pagodas 15,385 in the Packett.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED AUGUST 17, 1723. Receiv'd Per Stanhope April 16, 1724. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 365–366. (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Their last was of the 21th January per Eyles &c^{a}. shall give a short Account of Affairs since.

2. George Brigantine from the West Coast arriv'd 21th April, left the Lethieullier at Moco Moco, the George sent to the Bay to refit, 320 Candy Tootenague sent on her.

3. Sarum and Carnarvon arriv'd 7th June, Sarum sent to the Bay the 17th with 100 Bales of goods, 300 more on the Elizabeth, 130 on the Marygold, 300 on the Derby who arriv'd 30th June, Mary came with her, is now dispatcht down to the Bay will carry 600 Bales and 20 Chests silver, Bridgwater arriv'd the 9th instant will carry down what Bales she can.

4. Mary sent to the Bay for Petre having not end here.

5. She is also to carry supplys to Vizagapatam and more Bales to the Bay.

6. Reason why can't send 50 Chests silver to the Bay, but hope to do it near in goods and silver.

7. Have receiv'd the Woollen goods saved at the Cape Merchants refusing them sold them at Outcry, wherein have acted for the Companys Interest.

8. Contract made for 4069 Bales including 1203 not brought in, and for 4069 Bales at St. Davids including 1163 already brought in.

9. Nabob has been at St. Thoma with an Army, made large demands, and to deliver the Villages, gave him a small present, and promis'd something more when the ships arriv'd, which shall delay, is in troubles with Checklice Caun.

10. Tellicherry Packett sent, troubles in the Country instigated by the French.

11. Lethieullier from the West Coast arriv'd in the Bay in 4 Months, Madeira Wine in her in bad Condition, have wrote the Bay of the Essexes alteration in her voyage.

12. Alteration in the Covenant Servants since the last Letters.

13. Mr. Oadham dy'd 11th March Mr. Houghton now in Council, Mr. Torriano Secretary, Mr. R. English Essay Master, Mr. Sitwell Mayor.

14. Mr. Berryman laid down, Mr. Augustus Burton sent down to St. Davids in his room.

15. Mr. Robert King dy'd 15th April, Mr. Faucet at Ingeram 11th July, Mr. Blunt to succeed him.

16. Mr. Joshua Bays goes home, Mr. Abraham Wessell succeeds him, is commended.

17. Mr. Higginson arriv'd 7th July is made upper Searcher.

18. Mr. Woolley arriv'd orders about him. Messrs Bulkley and Carter shall comply with.

19. Mr. Dunster Deputy Governour of the West Coast dead, the Place in confusion, Mr. Joseph Walsh is going to succeed him with 5 Factors.

20. Have drawn Bills at 8s. per pagodas at 31 days for £80 payable to James Hendrick for £200 to Sarah Starke.

21. Captain Pitts Register sent of Rupees 2,800.

22. Will in all things study the Companies Interest.

RAND^{L}. FOWKE. NATH^{L}: ELWICK.
JAMES HUBBARD. NATH^{L} : TURNER
GEORGE DRAKE. RICH^{D} : BENYON.
JOSEPH HOUGHTON. JN^{O}. EMMERSON.

P.S.
Bill drawn for £144 : 10 : 8 payable to Wm. Poole.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 1723. Receiv'd Per Cardigan April 20, 1724. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts vol. 2, pp. 366–376 (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Their last was of the 17th August per Stanhope who sail'd the 19th, are now to answer the Companies Letters of the 21th December per Sarum and Carnarvon, the additions of the 11th January per Mary and Derby, and that of the 14th February per Cardigan, Bridgwater, and Essex.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT AND RETURN'D.

2. The Eyles and Fordwich were dispatcht 21th January the first's Invoice pagodas, 129,345 : 1 : 50. the others 103,510 : 26 : 34. pagodas, sent to St. Helena pagodas 212 : 25 : 60. Bay sent supplys thither per Fordwich.

3. Devonshire dispatcht from Pipley the 23th January her Invoice rupees 744,234 : 8: 9. President Feake on board and the Bouverie with rupees 597,235 : 14 : 6. hear they were safe at St. Helena.

4. Derby brought from the Bay the 19th January 500 Bags Petre and 60 Bales from Vizagapatam, her repairs at Bengall cost dear, was again survey'd 23th and 30th January, she brought in 3 trips from St. Davids 540 Bales and carry'd pagodas 10,000 thither.

5. Goods from Vizagapatam per Derby came to pagodas 3,084 : 5 : 24., 78 Bales receiv'd from thence per Brilliant 17th January came to pagodas 6,171 : 29 : 59., 132 Bales per Muncha receiv'd 2d February from thence came to pagodas 8,255 : 23 : 76.

6. George Brigantine brought from the Bay 20th September 1000 Bags petre and some other stores.

7. Danes ship Queen Anne Sophia came into the Road 28th May left Copenhagen November 1721 and sail'd in two days.

8. Stanhope arriv'd at Madrass 1st June from Bombay to stay till time for sailing as per Captains answer 10th June sail'd 19th August and from St. Davids 7th September.

9. Fort St. George Gally from Bombay arriv'd 1st June with a packett deliver'd to the Stanhope, she was let to the freight to the owners of the Boon and went with her to Mallacca the 18th said June.

10. The Sarum for the Bay proceeded 19th June, Mary and Derby imported 30th June, Derby sail'd for Bengall 12th July, Mary 18th August.

11. Commodore Mathews with three ships arriv'd 10th July, Lyon and Shoreham sail'd to St. Davids 5th August, the 10th September the Salisbury, have advanc'd the Commodore 1,500 Pounds.

12. 18th July arriv'd the Charles from Mocha, the Companies 3 ships were there and Hannover from Bombay with an Ostend and Prussian ship, the Prince Augustus will go to Bombay.

13. Bridgewater arriv'd 19th August sent to the Bay the 22th, Essex arriv'd 6th September is sent to the Bay as per Consultation of same day and Letter No. 53 of the 12th.

14. 2d August sent Captain Thwaites to fill up at St. Davids with 20,000 Pagodas, he return'd laden to Madrass the 12th Instant.

15. Young Derby went to the West Coast with a Deputy Governour and Factors. Goodfellow to be return'd and sent to the Bay to refit.

16. The Salisbury is to convoy the Cardigan and Carnarvon.

17. Glad so many of the Company's ships arriv'd well, hope their Cargoes will help towards the late losses at the Cape.

18. Observe what ships appointed for that side, thankfull for the offer of one on paying Demorage. Letters to the Bay No. 25, 39, 43 will show what care taken for employing the Tonnage sent. Have taken no ship for themselves because must loose by the voyage, hope to dispatch all the ships but the Sarum if the Bay do their part.

19. The 4 China ships safe at the Cape have taken in all the Nightingales Lead 163 Pigs.

20. Sorry the Company are displeas'd at their Complaints of the Gallivats, Grabbs, etc., charge on the Mallabar Coast have given reasons in former letters for so doing.

21. As to the diminishing the Customs and threats in paragraph 15 of changing hands, the Customs have increas'd in their Management.

22. Have sent 1,500 Bales to Bengall to make a sortment on each ship.

23. List sent per Stanhope of ships importing or exporting and by these ships of those since with the Supra Cargos and Tonage.

24. Have had no success in the Wrecks of the Dartmouth and King George since last Advices, have endeavour'd to make up the loss by frugality and fidelity, the adventurers tis hoped will judge more charitably when they know that Boats putting off daily mist the ships and were drove away, and when once they reach'd the ships before night the Mate durst not venture anything in them, they did their utmost and the Captain lost his private treasure, are sure Captain Elliston and his Officers could give a better Account than the persons prejudiced did.

25. Dont remember anything of firing a Gun from the shore as a signal of an approaching storm, the swell of the sea gives the notice first to the ships, will advise the ships timely in the Road in the Monsoon time.

26. Captain Simon Hill seiz'd at Batavia is since dead.

27. The small Vessells are never kept idle when can be employ'd, no stores deliver'd them till know what is become of the former yet they are expensive.

28. Do employ the Companys vessels or freighted ships to bring goods from all places when they can and never hire but on necessity.

29 Shall demand of the ships deficiencies of silver or goods as did those on the Carnarvon and Cardigan the 18th instant who refus'd payment therefore indors'd them on the Bills of Lading.

30. The Captains acquainted with the orders about Rattans.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS FROM EUROPE &C^{A}.

31. Account of Perishable Goods sold at Outcry.

32. Some sold well, others at great loss particularly the Velvets the Moth got into them.

33. Oblig'd to allow $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent for Rust which used to be but 1 per cent as per Consultation 13th May.

34. Sent 40 Chests Rupees instead of other silver in to the Bay as requested to prevent ships stay for the Coinage put 20 Chests of their own into the Mint.

35. Marys Iron sold to Kintlage Ships could get but 10 Pagodas a Candy for it as per Consultation 29th July, the Lead by her sent to the Bay being the best Market, have sold 170 Candy Iron since at 11 pagodas a Candy.

36. Consultations 10th and 17th June and 11th July will show why can't sell the Broad Cloth as prest to do, the Merchants have a years Cloth by them, and let the Nightingales Wreck'd goods be sold in small parcels at Outcry rather than buy a piece. Account sales enter'd 5th August came to pagodas 12,181: 24: 60. being for 154 Bales of Cloth and Perpets and 96 pieces guilt leather.

37. Europe cordage used often to be complain'd of, what now receiv'd survey'd and found good.

38. Harsers chiefly used for Shrowds, These receiv'd not fit for being Cable laid.

39. 12 Pipes of Madeira Wine leak'd out of the 100 sent having 10 hoops on each prevented more, 2 sour can't sell it at above 25 pagodas a pipe, intend to send 30 pipes to Bombay shall keep the rest for a better Market, have wrote Bengall what it sells for, have a large supply Shyrash wine at Madrass and Pondicherry the destruction of the Vines must be a mistake have had large quantitys and good this year.

40. The 3 Mocha ships took in all the Guns, Anchors, Canvas, &c^{a}. sav'd per Nightingale, the captains of the wreck'd ships sent no stores to Madrass for sale.

41. List of Woollen Goods the Merchants have been prevail'd on to take off desire may be exactly comply'd with or the Merchants will refuse them.

42. Have by the Stanhope advis'd the sending 20 instead of 50 Chests silver as per Consultation 12th August and No. 39 in the Letter Book.

43. Hoping silver would rise in January being at $14\frac{5}{8}$ resolv'd not to sell, little being demanded it fell gradually to 15, then forc'd to sell to defray expenses but mostly to the Merchants yet at above the Currant price to pay their Ballance and carry on Investments, 8 Chests sold the Owners of the Hannover and King George at 15.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

44. Are very uneasy for the Complaints in Paragraph 26 about the St. Davids Cloth, Mr. Hastings Dilatoriness put them into a hurry, have wrote them about in letters 13, 24, 36, impracticable to recover anything except on the Deputy Governour who is least to blame, their turn'd out Cloth sells at as much for Manilla as the Company pay for their sorted.

45. Contracts new made the 12th March, since arrival of ships have struck off the ori[ng]al Bettellees and added 6,000 Bettellees No. 25, 26, 28, 29, and the super fine Long Cloth and Sallempores demanded, wont engage to provide all in time nor get the encreas'd quantitys of Warriarpollam Nagoor and Carroor Long Cloth and Sallempores.

46. At the sorting Godown on the 7th inspected St. Davids Cloth which found great fault with, the Vizagapatam prov'd good the Ingeram better, resolv'd to encourage both. 20,000 pagodas sent to Vizagapatam 5,000 pagodas Mr. Blunt carry'd to Ingeram, contract made at St. Davids of which Sunca Rama had half as per 19th February. 200 Pieces Fustians bespoke at 95 pagodas per Corge.

47. Reason enter'd 26th February for paying pagodas 592 to Sunca Rama and pagodas 393 due to them from the Washers for Rice, some of the Washers tanks to be clear'd and paid by the Company they being unable.

48. Washers debt stands near as it was allowing the 2 sums paid for them as above, hope it will be decreas'd in January.

49. Consultation 29th August sent in answer to the Companys 27th paragraph per Cardigan, have not yet been able to improve the Cloth fabrick but have fix'd the true lengths and breadths, have increas'd the Revenues and lessen'd the Charges.

50. Have not been able yet to put the Vizagapatam Investment on a better foot, no danger of bad debts.

51. Shall write to Mr. Blunt at Ingeram about getting Madapollam Cloth.

52. Last year comply'd with the orders for dispatching ships and supplying Bengall, know not what can do now because can't get money as per consultation 12th August.

53. 1,500 Bales sent to the Bay if they dispatcht three ships expect from them 1,200 Bales and stores demanded, if not hope to lade home the shipping mentioned in the last Letter. Have sent to Bengall 100 tons Red wood and some Tootenague.

54. Had laded home 3 ships if they brought kintlage Iron as was expected, 654 bags petre deliver'd the Carnarvon, 696 do. to the Cardigan above charterparty proportion as per Captains requests.

55. Have wrote for 12,000 bags of Petre from Bengall some part receiv'd.

56. Samples sent of Cloth from Ingeram for the Companies orders if to be provided.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ALL TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

57. Consultations from 29th March to the 6th May give an Account of Transactions with the Nabob at St. Thoma who had 1,500 Horse and 5,000 Peons and the letters from 17 to 39, he expected 30,000 Rupees got off for about pagodas 750 in presents and disbursements, and a promise of something more when the ships arriv'd, is in troubles with Chucklis Caun will therefore delay, Ducknaroy and he at Variance.

58. Troubles at Surat hinder trade, fear shall have bad success there.

59. Letters 42 and 49 from Bombay give a sad account of the Condition of Persia, the English except Mr. Phillips and Mr. Horn are got down to Gombroon.

60. Dutch letter No. 21 shows their evasive answer to the Complaint of their inhumane treatment, hope the Company will assist them or must loose their trade by Sea.

61. An Ostend ship has been on the Coast leaving about 1,000 pagodas at Covelong, have advis'd the Bay she design'd thither.

62. French ships Bourbon and Attalanta greatly damag'd by a storm at Mascarenhas, stay there till can get supplys from Pondicherry.

63. Have apprized the Company how they proceeded against Mr. Pyke last year. Hope the Company may recover from him towards the expence of the Ostender.

64. Mr. Hordens effects sold and divided among his Creditors.

65. Will in January send the new Covenants executed, others who have not counterparts desire to have theirs fill'd up and sent.

66. Will assist the Petitioners who sent consignments for Dyamonds to Mr. Hastings but none apply'd.

67. Will observe the orders in paragraph 29 per Cardigan about Supra Cargos disputing with Agent Phillips, he broke his Agreement with Mr. Boucher, hinder'd Merchants coming to see the Goods, were forc'd to return the ship back empty and send the goods to Spahaun.

68. Will follow the orders about Mr. Curgenven and others opposing the Companys Interest.

69. Zachary has been punisht at Pegu but told the King they had dropt but not ended the dispute.

70. They did apply to the Nabob about the man kill'd at the Juncan to stop Complaints, and had his private leave to use force against the Governour of Chiore.

71. Daveroy shall be repaid the 500 pagodas fine about the Rashwar woman, have let the Black Inhabitants know how strictly the Company forbid oppressions.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, AND REVENUES.

72. Repairs at Metchlepatam cost pagodas 165: 31: 33. would not let more be done than the Lodging for the Resident.

73. Have allow'd St. Davids to rebuild Condapa Guard and the Bridge being so necessary, Barracks at the Garden house new built, old ones ready to fall.

74. The bridges built at the Inhabitants request shall quicken them to pay the Cost or else shall raise it as the scavengers duty.

75. Can't secure the place between Madapollam Point and block by trees it being next the Sea, must do it by a wall.

76. Since the Mint House is not to be rebuit it will need continual repairs.

77. Will take all possible care to prevent losses in the Rentall Generals Account.

78. Egmore Villages let at pagodas 1,360 per annum, St. Davids Arrack farm at pagodas 1,450.

79 Have wrote pressingly to St. Davids about the Revenues, confident Mr. Jennings takes the best care he can of them, but the Merchants dont care to return from Porto Novo.

80. Have recover'd nothing from Mar Kistna about the St. Davids Renters and Farmers, the charges against him false, frivolous, or not prov'd, hope to get in their debts. Eram Rauz has paid in pagodas 200.

81. Refer to Consultation 30th April why can't clear the Sea Custom account monthly, he and the Merchants often call'd on, allege have not sold their goods. Debts are not bad. Patans most dilatory, forct to use them with lenity lest they return to St. Thoma.

82. No Innovations shall be in the Mayors Court nor the Charter infring'd.

83. Have rais'd a quit rent at Vizagapatam, have wrote them to forbid any oppression.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

84. Have advis'd the Alterations happening, Mr. Dalzell arriv'd on the Cardigan.

85. Lieutenant Fullerton dy'd 11th March, Lieutenant Ogden succeeds him at St. Davids, Ensign Eckman made Lieutenant there, Wm. Huchings succeeds made Ensign.

86. Mrs. Cowse from Anjengo dead, 15 pagodas a month allow'd three of her children, shall lessen Mrs. Burton on an alteration.

87. Mr. Tullie deliver'd the 19th March several Papers relating to Mr. Gyffords estate as per List enter'd. Mrs. Gyfford coming to St. Davids since demanded their delivery and protested for want of it enter'd 3d May, Letters to and from enter'd.

88. Surgeons receipts for head money sent in the Packett.

89. Shall produce the Cash when the Account is read as order'd and what relates to disposal of silver in the Warehouse.

90. Answer to 64th Paragraph about what rate charg'd Mr. Cooke for silver wanting in warehouse his and Mr. Hastings debts long since clear'd with the Interest.

91. Have pursued the Enquirys order'd but since Mr. Hastings death and the orders about Mr. Horden people are unwilling thinking it will be to no purpose.

92. Will station the Covenant servants as rank'd per List.

93. Have only Mr. English (now Essay Master) who know anything of the Mint, which advise because desire to have more there.

94. Shall observe the orders about Engineer Johnson's funeral and his Widdows allowance will be frugall hereafter, she never had the 10 pagodas a Month.

95. Mr. Jenkinson's debts clear'd, his Ballance paid into Cash, shall follow orders about deceaseds estates as directed paragraph 71.

96. Mr. Samuel Moreland dead, produce of his Silver will be paid into Cash.

97. Richard Seals confinement was for murder his Tryal enter'd 23th June 1718.

98. Will make Edward Parry an Ensign if deserving.

99. Will use the utmost care to retrench Expences at St. Davids and have wrote about it, have decreas'd last years expences and this.

100. Hope the Consultations sent and to be sent will please.

101. Captain Fullerton dead, of late did not game, not he but Captain Sutherland commanded at Chiore, he does not touch cards or dice.

102. Mr. Higginsons Expences from the Cape being dollars 175 enter'd 5th August, is thankfull for the favours done him and promises diligence.

103. Mr. James Dore dead some time since.

104. Mr. John Buckleys covenants return'd executed, and with Mr. Carter and Peers thankfull for the Companies favours.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

105. Shall answer the Accomptants letter in January.

106. Lowering the Exchange to 8s. a pagoda very little paid in, have drawn Bills for only pagodas 1056 : 23 : 31. payable to James Peachy Esq., pagodas 86 : 19 : 52. to Mr. Thomas Cooke, pagodas 279 : 9 : 60. to Richard Spence, pagodas 250 to Messrs. William Goslin and Walter Moonds.

107. Will take care what consign'd for diamonds be return'd according to the Bonds given.

108. Commodore Mathews Bills for £1,500 on the Commissioners of the Victualling sent.

109. Mr. Thomas Falconer requests 2 Bills of Exchange may be paid Messrs. Feake or Hanger, both dated 25th January 1721–2 payable to Sir Robert Nightingale or Mr. Surman which have been stopt Mr. Benyon paid in the money by order of Mr. Falconer therefore pray it may be so paid.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING WEST COAST.

110. Glad the removing Mr. Pyke and sending Mr. Hubbard to the West Coast pleas'd, refer to his Books about retrenching Charges.

111. Mr. Dunster Deputy Governour dy'd in November last, Mr. Walsh sent the 28th August to succeed him.

112. Messrs. Fotheringham, Savage, Walsh, Williams, Hope, Brown, Sewell, and Bodkin sent factors on the Young Derby except the last.

113. 6,882 Dollars paid by Mr. Lewis Deane at Moco Moco in Cloth instead of Money stopt it appearing he did it because could not get Money from Mr. Pyke have agreed to pay him.

114. Forc'd to pay several Bills drawn from Fort Marlbrô, can't expect any advantage from thence yet awhile.

115. To prevent the like Charges Mr. Walsh has sign'd Covenants which come in the Packett, binding himself to answer at Madrass any Charges against him and submit to being fin'd.

SUPPLEMENT.

116. Persons concern'd in the Nightingales Silver refuse to pay the Average demanded, referring it to the Owners in England to whom the Remittances have been sent.

117. Carnarvons Invoice pagodas 69,539 :–: 23., Cardigans D°. D°. 88,553 : 6 : 47., sent to St. Helena pagodas 70 : 34 : 35., and on the Cardigan D°. 92 : 3 : 10., Captain Thwaites Register pagodas 1,876. Captain Hamblys pagodas 1,800. Carnarvons Dyamonds pagodas 43,543 : 20 : 47. Cardigans D°. D°. 28,219 : 23 : 2.

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P. S.

1. Salisbury could not stay at St. Davids after 29th September, the Companies 2 ships stay'd for water Cask.

2. Two ships with a new Governour arriv'd Pondicherry, it is said have brought a million of Dollars and only wine.

3. When contracted in February for Chay &c^{a}. fine goods could not fix Musters being so different.

4. Bills sent for £187.9.5 drawn by the Pursers of the Lyon, Shoreham, Salisbury, as per Accounts and Letters of Advice in packett.

Sign'd by the same Gentlemen.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 21, 1724. RECEIVED PER MARY JULY 11, 1724. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 377–383. (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Their last was by the Carnarvon &c^{a}. of 30th Sept^{r}. and 5 October wherein gave an Account of Affairs and full answer to the Companys Letters, are now to add what has since occur'd.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT AND RETURN'D.

2. Carnarvon and Cardigan sail'd 6th October, Invoice of the first pagodas 69,539 :–: 73. of the other D°. 88,553 : 6 : 47. their St. Helena Invoices pagodas 70 : 34 : 36. and pagodas 92 : 3 : 10.

3. George Brigantine sail'd to the West Coast 17th October.

4. 22th November Mocha Galley brought from the Bay saltpetre 2,600 Bags, and the 16th December the Triplicane brought 900 bags, the 3 Europe ships brought 5,000 bags can now dispatch a ship next September.

5. Goodfellow from the West Coast arriv'd 2d December. Captain Crossing and the Officers kill'd in the Voyage by the Men who would have run away with her, the Serang and others kill'd of the Conspirators 6 and made the rest Prisoners and after a second Conspiracy brought the ship to Madrass, have given the Serango pagodas 200 a Tasheriff and Medall, and made him second Serango of the Place, and given pagodas 100 to his people who assisted. Examination of the matter sent No. 28.

6. Hope the Company will approve the gratuitys as they will encourage others, the Lead, Anchors &c^{a}, on board Valuable, the gratuitys not quite pagodas 350.

7. Captain Thomas Harry now commands her is well qualify'd, she sail'd to St. Davids the 8th for Bales, then shall send her to Bengall with Tootenague &c^{a}. as per Consultations 7th and 9th ultimo, when arriv'd from the Bay the Mary and Derby the 17th the Essex and the 7th instant the Walpole from China.

8. Sarum and Lethieullier wou'd be dispatcht from Bengall in December, the Bridgwater in January. Duke of Cambridge gone to Surat from China with the Boone, Hanover, and 2 Country ships, Companies 3 ships wou'd be early dispatcht from China.

9. Hear the ships dispatcht from the other side are the King George from Bombay, Barrington and Craggs from Mocha, Prince Augustus, Frederick, Hannover, Duke of York, Compton, and Duke of Cambridge remain, will dispatch Walpole by 14th February, shall have no tonnage on the Coast and Bay except the Swallowfield.

10. Have examin'd their Powers to proceed against the Pyrates of the Good-fellow.

11. The Acts for trying Pyrates being determin'd don't think have power to proceed.

12. The Commission they have is founded on an Act past 1°. George now expir'd.

13. King Williams Act forbids any to be Judges of the Admiralty who are concern'd in the goods or ships about which the Pyrates are try'd, and the President of Fort St. George is by the Commission President of the Court, and he has a concern in the ships where the pyracy was committed, therefore have not tryed the pyrates.

14. Desire directions how to proceed, think to use the Mayors Court power to try such as committed Murder, but the other pyrates must lye.

SECONDLY TOUCHING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

15. List sent of Demands and Remains sent by the former ships as directed.

16. 30 pipes Madera Wine sent to Surat for Bombay at 2⅔ pagodas per pipe freight.

17. Have since their last sold 3 Chests silver the 17th October at 15 for 10 pagodas, the 14th December 3 more at 14¼, the 28th ditto 3 at ditto.

18. Have advised why could not supply Bengall with the 30 Chests silver they expected, if after the ships departure can furnish any, they will.

19. 20 pipes Madera Wine return'd from Bengall none will sell at present, hope it may as the shipping comes in.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

20. Have sent more Goods this season than ever in any before can't say they are better and cheaper, nor can they keep strictly to Musters while such large Demands, the Merchants say the Company may turn out what they dislike, but can neither abate nor get better as per Consultation 3d Instant.

21. Fort St. Davids sorting by Muster could pack but 215 Bales in 7 Weeks, were forced to take in what under Muster and mark'd the Bales with ✠ fear can't get the Merchants to abate for it.

22. Shall soon make a new Contract and try to bring the Merchants to stricter complyance, but fear it while such great demands, besides the French have lately contracted for pagodas 120,000 to be sent home in September.

23. Washers debt decreas'd pagodas 526 : 24 : 45. since Ballance of the Books.

24. Have in return of the goods sent to Bengall receiv'd from thence Bales 1,530, of which have sent some Course goods, shall write them for finer the next year.

25. Are invited to resettle at Madapollam and to have all former priviledges secur'd as per Mr. Blunts Letter No. 102. Consultation 23th October shows why think it better to settle at Madapollam than at Ingeram if can [get] goods as good and cheap, but this kept secret about leaving Ingeram till further order. Mr. Holcombe to discourse the Madapollam Merchants and get Musters, not yet arriv'd as per Letters receiv'd and sent will appear, hope to give a good account next year can get excellent Cloth there, in the meantime shall not quit Ingeram.

26. The Warehouse screws prov'd rotten in the ground, timbers new fix'd with red wood, and put up also a new pair.

27. 93 Bales of Cloth receiv'd from Ingeram very good, part laden on the Essex, the rest washing will send per Walpole with what expected from Vizagapatam.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA &C^{A}.

28. The Dutch from Negapatam complain'd of paying for passing the ferry at Coddalore pretending a right, reason for refusing their request, but offer'd them to keep one of their own so, as it was used only for their own servants this they refus'd, Letters receivd on that occasion No. 99, 101 and 109.D^{o}. sent No. 59 and 69.

29. The French complaining of the treatment they met with from Mr. Addams at Tellicherry, have sent Copys to Mr. Addams and also to Bombay, the substance of the Tellicherry Answer return'd them, but have had no reply, fear shall meet with troubles about this Affair, refer to the letters receiv'd and sent last year and this.

30. Disputes in the Bay about settling at Maulda and Dacca, since accommodated, but have not receiv'd the particulars.

31. Have no disturbance from the Country Government, they seem to be easy, have and do carry fair towards them.

32. Have had a dispute with Captain Holden about a Chest of corrall he brought out Anno 1720, he charg'd it on the Conicoply Sanadau, who clear'd himself in Consultation 8th and 10th instant.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS, AND REVENUES.

33. The Hospital at Codolore ready to fall, have bought Mr. Baker's house fit for that purpose and thoroughly refitted will cost 800 pagodas, is less than the other wou'd cost repairing, have therefore order'd it to be sold write can get 100 pagodas for it.

34. Have enter'd on no new buildings since their last. Garden Barracks almost finisht very strong work.

35. Have with difficulty new let the measuring Cowl, and settled a new rate, the seller to pay 9 fanams the Garse, the buyers nothing who used to pay $\frac{1}{8}$ of a Mercall on every pagoda worth, as per Consultation 23th and 30th October, and 6th, 13th and 21th November.

36. The 21th November Accountant reports the Rents, Revenues, and Expences and that have sav'd this year pagodas 15,420 : 1 : 47. more than the last which shows their zeal for the Companies Interest.

37. Bad debts in the Rentall General and scavenger's Accounts being pagodas 223 : 13 wrote off being impossible to recover more.

38. The 28th November on the Village Renters petition and the Collectors swearing to their Accounts have repaid what overpaid Anno 1720, their Oaths enter'd in Consultation the 15th Instant.

39. The Bridges compleated, expect in a few days to be reimburs'd the charge.

40. Mint Revenue much less than it used to be, the Nabob having set up new ones at St. Thoma and Covelon, and got the Moguls Phirmaund to take Arcot Rupees into his Treasury at 9 per cent Batty, the Madrass Rupees are taken at ten, and at Arcot they coin 1 per cent cheaper and are near 4 per cent worse, so that at Arcot can coin 4 per cent cheaper They forbid carrying silver out of the place but forced to desist on the Nabobs complaints, and because they found it would not sell, found by the Phirmaund could not coin rupees except of Surat fineness would have made Arcot rupees.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, SOLDIERS, AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

41. Would have executed the new Indentures but could not fill up the blanks, pray they may be some fill'd up ready to sign to guide them to fill up the rest.

42. Letter No. 100 from St. Davids sent is in answer to the Companies complaints, they execute some and promise to amend other faults and believe will do so.

43. Mr. George Tullie made upper searcher. Mr. Richard Higginson employ'd at the Town Hall.

44. Forced to supply St. Davids with 18 Europe soldiers, and must send to the Bay what took ashore last year, great mortality in the Military, pray for frequent recruits.

45. Mr. Emmerson paid in the 8th instant ballance of the Sea Customers account for the year, in the busy times will be great ballances, but the Mony is paid in as soon as collected.

46. Mr. Hugonin Chief Gunner comes for England, Mr. David Murray succeeds. Mr. Berryman quitted the service last year now goes home.

47. Mr. Abraham Wessell having serv'd 3 years in the Accountants Office recommended to have pagodas as formerly given on ballance of the books but since forbid, has behav'd well in his employ.

48. Charges Cattle high considering so few horses, but the Presidents which he kept for guards state horses now kept by the Company rather than buy annually as formerly at great expences.

49. Have receiv'd the Papers about the Laflandria, Mr. Pyke only can give answer thereto.

50. They deny the whole of Mr. Hordens Memorial. Mr. Walsh would not affirm he had paid for Mr Hordens house and Gardens, only says he gave a valuable consideration, this was not to pay a Black Merchant but to defraud those who had demands on him.

51. His charge of being put in prison false, he pretended he would designing thereby to bully the Mayor.

52. Refer to the Proceedings of the Court sent home, about Vencatachilum and Moodu Rama, but he has used to count Money to black Merchants and take receipts in presence of People and afterwards to take it from them.

53. He ought never to pretend to dispute the Authority of the Mayors Court when he knew the Company would preserve it.

54. His charge of his wife being turn'd out at a Back gate false, she had and he too all Civility shown them.

55. The procuring him a Boat to go off was a favour not a hardship, rather an Injustice to his Creditors that he might not be stopt by them.

56. Edward Parry made Ensign as promis'd.

Seventhly touching Accounts.

57. List in the Packett of the Books and papers sent with Answer to the Accomptants Letter.

58. Have drawn Bills on the Company payable vizt. for pagodas 3,750. to Monsieur Tremisot, for pagodas 1,800, to Peter Christopher Lenoir, for pagodas 400 to Robert Dymond, for pagodas 5,795: 22. to Sir John Lock.

Eighthly touching the West Coast.

59. Bad management on the West Coast daily encreases few that are fit care to go thither, hope now to do better having sent Mr. Walsh thither he having an Estate and his reputation lying at stake, could that place be brought to yield some returns for the great expence all the affairs under them would be in good order. Refer to letters receiv'd No. 110 and 111 to show the several mismanagements, and to No. 65 sent to show what orders sent to cure them, one Cawood having given a Charge against Mr. Bugden shall send him to prove it.

60. Mr. Peter Shelley complain'd 20th December of mony of his attacht on the West Coast, have had no Accounts from thence relating thereto so can't adjust it.

Supplement.

61. Have receiv'd but 47 Soldiers this year whereas have expended 80, therefore beg large European supplys

62. Pagodas 277 :—: 10. paid in for oz. 360 pillar Dollars sold of Samuel Moreland deceas'd.

63. Bill drawn for pagodas 559 payable to Lavigne Becisson.

64. Mr. Savage Supra Cargo of the Walpole paid in pagodas 3,000, submits to the Company what to pay in Exchange, have given receipts to him.

65. Goods for St. Helena sent from Bengall none from Madrass, laden their surplus Petre on the Mary, Bags 1030, on the Derby 900, on the Essex 600.

66. Marys Invoice pagodas 149,846: 24 : 70., on the Essex pagodas 82,632 : 32 : 50., on the Derby laden from St. Davids no Invoice come. Diamonds per Mary pagodas 33,567 :14 :20., on the Essex pagodas 11,866:34:31. Captain Holdens Register of goods pagodas 1160 :12. Captain Somers pagodas 2,455: Captain Fitzhugh register'd in the Bay.

RAND^{LL}: FOWKE	NATH^{L}: ELWICK
JAM. HUBBARD	NATH^{L}. TURNER
GEO: DRAKE	RICH^{D}: BENYON
JOS. HOUGHTON	JN^{O}. EMMERSON.

P. S.—Diamonds since register'd on the Mary pagodas 3,104: 18., on the Essex pagodas 3,745 : 6 : 20.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 19,1724. Received Per Walpole August 26, 1724 [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 399–400 (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Their last was 21th January by 3 ships.

2. Walpole fully laden, hourly expect 490 Bales from St. Davids and 350 from Vizagapatam, so that with remains could have laden Swallowfield if (*lacuna*)

3. Goodfellow brought 320 Bales from St. Davids, is near laden with Tutenague for the Bay.

4. Derby dispatcht the 23th January to joyn the Mary and Essex, done in hast.

5. Captain Boddam requesting had 1500 Bags Petre.

6. Consultation 27th January determin'd to send the quicksilver, Vermillion, and Tutenague to the Bay and to sell the rest of the Cargo at Madrass. Have had no price current from the Bay to guide them. Account sales enter'd the 17th instant Captain Boddam would not answer for the deficient weight because offer'd to see the goods weighed but was refused.

7. Messrs. Savage and Pratts tubs of Sugar Candy on the King George came out worse but most being broke and objected to in the Bill lading, deliver'd it up.

8. The freight of their Sugar Candy awarded to be 20 per cent as per Report of the 3d Instant.

9. Some of Mr. Savage and Mr. Pratts goods left on board the Walpole could not be come at so gone home.

10. Mr. Colebrookes petition to send home some other of their goods rejected.

11. The Maddapollam musters found not to answer agreed 3d February to invest none. 5000 pagodas sent to Ingeram and allow'd Mr. Blunt to build godowns and dig Tanks, what he used being the Frenches who are making an Investment there.

12. Have order'd the purchasing 5 to 600 Candy of Pepper for next year not to exceed 22 pagodas.

13. The French have sent the English letter to Mr. Molandine and wait his answer.

14. Hear the new settled factorys in Bengall are going to be withdrawn.

15. Planks supply'd the Boatmen by the Storekeeper paid for and charg'd to their Account.

16. Arrack farmer at St. Davids let out of Prison on giving bond to pay his debt, could have paid nothing while kept there.

17. Consultations 3d and 10th instant show the Estimate of the Wall to be built to the Block house and of a shed lately fallen down.

18. The Casts are now collecting the Mony to pay for the Bridges.

19. Bill drawn for pagodas 156 : 18 : 75, payable to Hugh Norris.

20. Jesuits offering to pay in another sum of Mony, shall accept it at 6 per cent Interest.

21. Walpoles Invoice pagodas 116,906 : 15 : 30., that to St. Helena pagodas 94 : 5 : 40. Captains Register pagodas 1870 : 8. Diamonds pagodas 1123 : 20 : 60.

RAND: FOWKE NATH^{L}: ELWICK
JAM: HUBBARD NATH^{L}: TURNER.
GEO: DRAKE RICH^{D}: BENYON
JOS: HOUGHTON JN^{O}: EMMERSON

P.S.—Old Armory stores sent per Invoice because useless. Want 500 Bayonet ps. to compleat their stores, which will be carefully look'd after and be always ready.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED AUGUST 11, 1724. Received Per Prince Frederick April 15, 1725. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 401–402 (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Their last was of the 21th February per Walpole its Copy enclos'd.

2. The Swallowfield not yet arriv'd from the West Coast, thô Mr. Macrae hoped to leave it in June. The Goodfellow carry'd the Vermillion, Quicksilver, and part of the Tootenague receiv'd per Walpole into the Bay, and the Royal George the rest.

3. The Frances sail'd for Bengal 3d July, Monmouth now dispatching, and the Stretham will when men refresht, with the Aislabie, the Frances arriv'd 17th June, the Monmouth the 23th, the other two the 4th Instant, the Heathcote the 1st, the Sunderland not yet.

4. Have sent to the Bay by the Elizabeth 500 Bales, by the Frances 150, and shall by the Monmouth 200 more and 280 Candy redwood, design in all 1200 Bales, and 200 Tons Redwood.

5. The Heathcote and Stretham have brought the few remaining stores of the Nightingale shipt by Mr. Alexander Smith who proposes to go to his station in the Bay.

6. Ostend ship lately arriv'd and refresht at Covelong is gone for the Bay, with a Commission from the Emperor and Chief and Council, have renew'd their orders about them, the French receiv'd them courteously at Pondicherry.

7. Have sent down the 30 Chests Treasure to the Bay promis'd to spare them.

8. Have not provided any Pepper, it was not procurable at the limitted price.

9. The disputes between the French and English on the Mallabar Coast rose high, several Vessels taken on both sides since releas'd, refer to the Enclos'd Packet sent from Bombay for matters fit for speedy notice.

10. Country Government in great disorders, expect a vast Army in two Months near them, and hope to do as well as when the Nabob was at St. Thoma.

11. Several buildings fallen down, finisht substantially the rest shall.

12. They take utmost care to lessen Expences and nurse the Revenues fear they will decrease, Manilla Trade so bad, but little provision yet made for it, of ten Pegu ships expected in April not one arriv'd, two Patan ships from the Bay lost passage.

13. Mr. Jennings laid down 23th June, Mr. Higginson went to St. Davids 4th July, Mr. Turner Deputy Governour went 17th July.

14. Mr. James Smith dismist, would not do any business, shall send Mr. Philip Tullie to Vizagapatam, and Mr. Sands Davis to be second there goes on the Monmouth. Expect 200 Bales in August from Vizagapatam and 200 Bales from Ingeram.

15. Mr. Abrahan Wessell is at the Townhall, Mr. Robert Woolley Sub Accomptant, Mr. Hyde Steward, Mr. Nicholas Morse Register of the Choultry.

16. The Boatmen have paid for the Plank and getting gradually out of debt shall take care of them and of the Washers.

17. Bills drawn for £995. 12. $1\frac{1}{4}$ payable to Mr. John Bedwells order, the produce of Mr. Russons Estate.

18. This ship carrys no goods for the Company or Captain, she came from Bombay being so late dispatcht.

19. Have paid Captain Haynes pagodas 975 : 31 : 40. he disburst on the ship, as per Receipt, the particulars in the Packet.

JOHN EMMERSON NATH[l]. ELWICK
RANDALL FOWKE RICH[D]. BENYON
GEORGE DRAKE

P.S.—Sunderland arriv'd 10th August.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED OCTOBER 13, 1724. Received Per Sunderland May 24, 1725. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 402–416 (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Their last was of the 11th August per Prince Frederick.

2. Therein advis'd of the arrival of the Europe ships, all five then and since gone to the Bay.

3. Are now to answer the Companys Letters and advise what occur'd since the Walpoles departure.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

4. Have advis'd of sending 850 Bales to the Bay, Stretham and Aislabie carry'd each 50 from St. Davids, and brought up 100 to Madrass.

5. Sent on the Heathcote 50 Bales, 30 Chests Treasure, and the rest of the Redwood.

6. The two Bay ships said had orders in their Instructions to call in at the Fort to hear if any Pyrates in India.

7. The Moors and Ostenders in Bengal Quarreling, the Ostend General is kill'd, it is reported they have taken some Moors ships and expect satisfaction.

8. The Goodfellow went to the Bay 28th February hourly expected with stores and Vizagapatam bales, and the Ingeram with Bales from thence.

9. Have receiv'd from St. Davids since the Walpole sail'd 390 Bales per Mary, per Frances and Ruby each 40, per Royal George 540, and more by others, in all 1178, per Jane from Vizagapatam 350 as many more expected and 160 from Ingeram.

10. A parcell of Lead and Anchors receiv'd from the West Coast per Petersfield freight free, the Young Derby brought thence several useless stores, and the George Brigantine some of the Flandria's Lead and stores, she is falling to pieces.

11. 2,000 Bags Petre receiv'd from the Bay by the Mocha, and 300 per Ballasore Sloop.

12. Have thus given an Account of the employs of Vessels relating to the Companys service.

13. Take notice of several ships arrival and of the Dawsonnes what ships taken up for all parts, the Mocha and Coast and Bay Ships arriv'd, the Macclesfield was in June in the Streights of Sunda.

14. Captain Hutchinson reminded of the Companys orders about Rattans, raw silk, and Tea.

15 The Captain of the Metchlepatam was once at Madrass since her loss but so poor not able to pay a fanam, hear he is on the West Coast in a sloop of 10 or 12 Tons.

16. The Dartmouth sloop when sold had no guns, can't find the Buyer got anything by her.

17. Have always given the fullest Account of all under their Management, and never had reason to conceal anything.

18. Having acted with fidelity are sorry for the reflection about the Dartmouths wreck that nothing should be recover'd when drove ashore near dry.

19. They did at the first advise they fear'd they should not, unless on the change of the Monsoon the bottom were uncover'd and some silver be found there, the Persons then in England could tell how unlikely it was to save ought, thô while was a possibility kept the Dartmouths sloop upon it, that Coast all sand, the surf breaks out at a great distance everything is soon bury'd, no digging for ought where the surf is continually breaking over it, apologize for their warmth and plainness.

20. Suppos'd when wrote the French kept their Affairs secret it imply'd they had inquir'd but could learn nothing, concern'd that people of Madrass should be harken'd to in this Case but none enquir'd of in the preceeding of much more consequence.

21. The French did indulge a trade to their Servants and now permit them to trade with themselves, have several ships gone for the Bay for freight Voyages and one for China.

22. Report of the Young Derbys condition since her return from the West Coast enter'd 27th August. Mr. Macrae thinking one Vessel sufficient to go to and come from the West Coast, she is sent to the Bay to be dispos'd of, would have sold another but find must have two, shall employ her to fetch and bring stores to and from the Bay, St. Davids, etc.

23. Have no answer to what wrote to Bengal about building sloops for them.

24. Hope the List sent of shipping will be approv'd.

25. Do observe the orders about the 4 Ounces of silver per Drake, and always examine the Treasure when brought ashore, found in the Monmouths a Chest of Pillar Dollars. Invoic'd Estimates as per Consultation of the 1st August.

26. Were advis'd from Bengal they could dispatch three ships but on the strict sorting, fearing to be disappointed, wrote them positively to send but one ship or else 1500 Bales, and must provide for one in the Country, as per Letters No. 28, 41, and 47 early enough to set up a Ship on freight, the Goods not coming down till December.

27. Will follow the orders about the China ship, believe the James and Mary must go to Borneo.

28. Have supply'd the Sunderland with 800 Bags besides Kintlage.

29. Shall follow the orders about Freight Voyages, don't deserve the blame laid on them, they always believ'd when the reasons for freight Voyages ceas'd, the orders did also, therefore since could lade all home, and being out of Debt, thought it best to do so.

30. Are careful to see the captains register'd goods don't exceed the Indulgences, and that the China Council should take those of the captains thither.

31. The Sarum and Lethieullier sail'd from Ballasore Road 10th January and the 24th ditto the Bridgewater from Pipley.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

32. 30 pipes Wine sent last year to Bombay, are now sending 10 to the West Coast, have 100 remaining will sell some Monthly. Disappointment of Shyrash Wine has rais'd the price to 40 pagodas the Pipe, if can will raise it higher next, have taken none at the rate indulg'd.

33. Can't get the Merchants to indent for any Broadcloth, they say what now sent is 20 per cent worse than formerly and they won't take it, if can't do otherwise will sell it at Outcry, if would for one year send little or none might get it up to 50 per cent Advance, in Mr. Pits time it sold from 30 to 15 per cent.

34. If the Company shall send any desire the Colours to be as last year and quantities in proportion, wish would forbear.

35. Have endors'd on the Monmouths, Heathcotes and Sunderlands bills Lading what goods wanting. Captain Kemeys has paid for some as per Consultation 4th August.

36. Two Companys Servants always see the China Cargos weigh'd, believe the fault is in the China Dotchin.

37. 18th August the report of the Monmouths Cordage is bad, chiefly the small sorts, the other Ships better as per Consultation 27th September, desire none to be sent made with new England tar their Coir sorts better.

38. India so stocked with Iron have sold some at 9 to 9¾ pagodas per Candy, the Manilha Ships brought back theirs, the Ship to Surat made 16 to 20 per cent but the Market fell after, therefore sold it the 22th July, hoping the Surat ships would make it rise, deferr'd selling in March.

39. 13th May the Storekeeper deliver'd in the deficiencys of the last year being pagodas 266:17:50. being unavoidable they were wrote off.

40. Silver sold 26 Chests for Mony at 15¼, 40 to the Joint Stock Merchants at 15, all but the 26 above the Market price.

41. The Silver kept after the Eyles dispatch was to serve till next Ships, and to forward the Investments, or else must have paid Interest or stood still, and the letters from the Bay advise had begun a new Investment, and if receiv'd the Treasure design'd per Nightingale should be out of debt, therefore thought they were having no Cargo provided for her.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

42. Sorry for the just Complaints about the badness of the Cloth, the only excuse is having so much Tonnage not being in debt at the Coast or Bay, if had kept ships in the Country their large Cash must have lain dead, hope what wrote last year to this purpose would have lessen'd the anger, have of late endeavour'd to amend the Fabrick but without Success, the Merchants say the Weavers must have 6 Months to amend the Cloth they have so long been used to make. In vain to pretend to excuse the past, but promise more care for the future, refer to the new Contract 4th May to show they have made better terms than the last, have prevail'd on the right and left hand cast to Unite, hoping thereby to amend the fabrick, their endeavours to keep them to this Contract will appear as per Consultations of June, July, August and September.

43. Last year gave reason why could not recover ought from the St. Davids Sorters.

44. Mr. Higginson went to St. Davids 4th July, and Mr. Turner, Deputy Governour, 18th Ditto. Have been diligent about the Investments but yet with little alteration as per Letters No. 127, 135, 140, and 9 others receiv'd, the Consultation 8th September and 3 Letters sent No. 49, 50 and 57.

45. Shall buy no Pepper hereafter since forbid, tho since Mallabar Pepper costs 75 to 80 rupees per Candy which is but 12 per cent larger than theirs and pays whole freight might buy it at 22 pagodas per Candy and half freight having done so ever since 1715.

46. Hope the Vizagapatam and Ingeram Investments will please. 350 Bales from Vizagapatam now sent. 164 bales from Ingeram hourly expected and 300 from Vizagapatam.

47. Being sencible of the great Interest in Bengall have supply'd them, and put themselves to Streights.

48. Got the Merchants of both casts to joyn before made their Contract, the Weavers will now have but one Market, agreed should bring in at least half of No. 1 and lock'd up the turn'd out Cloth in a Godown, can't sell it to any others, have agreed to abate 12 per cent on last years St. Davids Cloth markt .

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

49. No Danes or French ships arriv'd yet, the French expect three on the Mallabar Coast, hear there is one of 80 Guns.

50. The Disputes between the French and English on the Mallabar Coast rose high, they took the Southgate and Decoy Grabb, which last was pillag'd but could get no satisfaction thô demanded, they refer to Letters sent and receiv'd from Bombay, Tellicherry, and Pondicherry. 18th April enter'd Translate of a French Protest and their answer, since then have deliver'd one from Bombay, both sent in the Packet No. 17 and 18.

51. The Country in the utmost Confusion, Chicklice Cawn up in Arms at Aurungabad, and has routed the troops sent against him on the Kings Encouragement, he is marching to this side of the Country, the Cherpy Country given to their Nabob and since to Tyre Cawn and Abdul Nabby Cawn, the Commanders Relations to the two Nabobs kill'd and most of their men, when out a foraging, expect larger armys than hitherto in these parts, wish might have kept their men to have seen the Issue.

52. Vencatty Putty Naigue whose Grandfather gave the English Grant of Madrass visited the President lately, presented him about 40 pagodas value, and fir'd 15 great Guns.

53. Have made the Nabob no further present as yet, believe he will not trouble them.

54. The only branch of their Country Trade worth engaging in was to Manilha, that like to be lost by the Armenians letting their Ship at under rates, and letting the Spaniards to share with them, Two ships in the Road had intic'd away the English Freighters, therefore resolv'd to stop the Armenian ship. They don't deserve the great priviledges they have, having broke their Contract, they trade to Europe on the Danes, Murder'd some English at Pegu, have traded on French and Spanish ships, and imported their goods at Pondicherry contrary to the Companys orders, as per Consultations 27th April, 20th and 26th May and 7th July directly contrary to their Covenants with the old Company.

55. They never interrupted any of the Inhabitants trade before, nor should now till they acted directly opposite to the English Interest.

56. Wish the Company would insist the Dutch should use the English better than of late, they would spare no fresh provisions to the outwardbound ships, the Governour of the Cape like to have been turn'd out for supplying them.

57. The Country trade too bad to employ the Mony therein sent for Diamonds, and being so dear could not buy them, not worth while to send mony out to be return'd by bills thô at nine shillings a pagoda, the President blam'd but assures he knows of no mony employ'd in the Country trade sent out for Diamonds, but of a great deal because not procurable, shall give a particular Account of the Diamonds licenc'd.

58. Do find Captain Powney had orders from the President and Council the 12th June 1719, to agree with the Syam Barcalong at 4,000 pagodas or under, many of his Owners estates remitted home, this Mony paid him in Justice for he was in disgrace and could not hurt the Captain.

59. Have had no opportunity to put the Secret Committees orders in execution.

60. Have always endeavour'd to improve disturbances in the Country to the Companys advantage when near or further off.

FIFTHLY FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS, AND REVENUES.

61. All the Fortifications in good order, some Store-houses, &c^{a}. shall give the account of.

62. Garden Barracks finisht cost as per Consultation 3d September pagodas 706 : 16 : 15. are substantial.

63. Sheds adjoining to the Battery fell down, where the Gunners stores were, they are almost finisht made into substantial Godowns.

64. The wall from Madapollam Point not begun, nor shall till have brought affairs into the regulation directed.

65. The bridge at the Armenian gate fallen in, Consultation 15 June shows will cost 143 pagodas repairing, or if with the Companys timbers 173 pagodas.

66. These timbers bought in Mr. Hastings time, Mr. Cooke paymaster, have used them which made the repairs somewhat dearer if had not they would have been rotted and lost.

67. This repair must be forthwith set about, and a small bridge going off the Island not yet survey'd will cost little.

68. The sheds for the stores at the Garden Point is fallen down will cost 80 pagodas rebuilding as per Consultation 8th September.

69. The Garden on the Island which cost 6 pagodas a Month for Gardeners sold Mr. Fowke for 50 pagodas, to be resum'd if the Company think fit on repaying the 50 pagodas and what on survey it shall be improv'd.

70. The Silver Mint is falling down and must be rebuilt but not till the Company order it.

71. The powder house is falling, pray orders to build a new one considering the danger.

72. The bridges are paid for and are substantial.

73. Refer to the St. Davids letter 135 to show what necessary to be done there, will cost 300 pagodas to repair the East Curtain and 1200 to cover the two houses, Cuddalore Factory and the Garden House.

74. Have advis'd the Sea and Land Customs would decrease by 12 ships missing their port, and a vast glut of paintings carry'd last year to Manilha, sinking the price, and valuing the Patan goods less than last year are not vendible.

75. Rent roll sign'd in January is pagodas 3337 : 4 : —. will be some bad debts.

76. 10th April fishing farm cowle renew'd at 50 pagodas as before.

77. Pagodas 33 : 34 : paid in for goods endeavour'd to be run at the Choultry, this the only instance this year.

78. Town conicoply duty the last year at the Sea Gate and Choultry pagodas 702 : 28 : 36. paid in 8th January, have paid for the Town Bridge out of it.

79. Mr. Fowke was only receiver the last Month of the time when the pagodas 441 : 18 : Town Conicoply duty paid in for 17 months, Messrs. Draper and Wright should have paid it.

80. The Secretary believes the Plan of the Metchlepatam Factory was sent in the Box of Books, but as it is to be taken down don't send another

81. List of the Revenues enter'd in beginning Consultation book, the Secretary promises due care, Revenues well lookt after and punctually receiv'd, will be bad debts in the Rental General and Scavengers Account.

82. What relates to St. Davids sent thither, hope to give in January a good account of the reductions there. Difficulties about the Investments make the reduction harder, have reduc'd the Military to 420, and more order'd, will speedily consider the report of the 3d Instant on the Paymasters accounts.

83. Rent for Egmore &c^{a}., Villages duly paid, Tank at Persia Walk unrepair'd.

84. Road to Egmore of no service to the black people, the whites rarely go in it, chief use was for the garrison and reputation of the place, it was paid for out of the Corporation Cash, is now out of repair.

85. Are now to answer what relates to the expence of the Place, what done and further may, with the reasons.

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86. Of the pagodas 61,858: the amount of expences should deduct pagodas 4,553: for the Bridges, so that the Revenues exceeded the Expences pagodas 5,477; that year.

87. This will near clear Vizagapatam expences, pagodas 15,420. sav'd last year will go towards support of St. Davids, charge of the wall round Cuddalore done by the Companys order and the Choultrys at Madrass encrease the charge of souldiers, Merchants retiring to Porto Novo from St. Davids have sunk the Customs.

CHARGES GARRISON.

88. Garrison reduc'd to 320 men, have 53 men on a separate roll, 20 design to the West Coast, 12 to St. Davids, have let who would quit the service, who have not serv'd their time pay for it. On this reform have withdrawn all outguards, have comply'd with the Majors request of the 4th and 22th September and allow'd three more Sargeants and three Corporals than order'd, when enter new Topasses shall be at 50 fanams, and decrease the pay of others if give occasion. The Supernumerarys at Madrass are a Lieutenant, two Ensigns, at St. Davids but one of each, have had for many years three Companys and no orders to alter them, their Officers all sober and diligent, have wrote to Bengal if have Vacancies.

89. Gunroom Crew reduc'd within pagodas 24: 14. per month of what order'd, and if possible shall be lower, they screw the Bales which are more than formerly, Consultation 3d September shows the reduction, and reducing particular persons pagodas 17: 29. per month, can't do more, have reduc'd the wages and allowances in August pagodas 322: 32: 40. but deducting thereout pagodas 213: 25: 20. for Cloaths for the Hospital, necessary once a year the residue is pagodas 109: 7: 20. little less than what directed, several head workmen dismist, shall proceed further when Sunderland dispatcht.

90. Dyet and Stores reduc'd as order'd.

FORTIFICATIONS AND REPAIRS.

91. Several of the buildings in the Account are old and always wanting something, shall explain things better in future, the want of it makes some things look odd, the Repairs of Fortifications in the Months Account they examin'd is but pagodas 45: 4: 50. hope this will show nothing is done but what's necessary, nothing of consequnce of repairs shall be set about till survey'd and order'd nor is if above ten pagodas value, hope to reduce the Expences of this head as order'd, thô its impossible to fix the expence to a sum certain, wait for orders about the Powder house and Mint.

92. Charges Cattle which was last Month pagodas 129: 22: 70. reduc'd to the Summ directed, none that keep Horses can do it under 4 pagodas a month, have sold two founder'd horses at Outcry for pagodas 26: 27. shall keep no more horses than allow'd, shall want Horses if had occasion to mount a party.

93. Charges Extraordinary, the Nabobs boat, and Mr. Hastings provisions reduces this to 739 pagodas nothing charg'd for Christmass and New Years Day expences since dyet allowance settled.

94. Sallary can't be alter'd.

95. Presents but small.

96. Charges General have Peons at the Villages to look after the Mettas, have lessen'd their Number, the Workmen and Materials on this head are for trifling things, the Mooches attend constantly in the Secretarys and Accountants Offices &c^{a}. so do the Smiths &c^{a}. Workmen. The Batty at home and abroad is right, the expence not pagodas 7,400 a year, the Peons reduc'd almost pagodas 1,000, the 20 kept more than order'd are necessary, in 1707 had but five in Council now eight, shall reduce the Gardners &c^{a}. hope to bring this Article near to what order'd, the Dammers bought in April 1722 not all expended. Oyl and Wax charg'd in that Account, it is sometimes not receiv'd for several Months, and then charg'd all at once, the Stores expended are deliver'd by the Storekeeper for several uses, but always brought to

account by him and in the Journal, the first parcel of medicines were bought for the Garrison in Mr. Hastings time, the second brought by the Marlbrô, fear can't do much more to comply with their orders, however, shall advise per January ships, the Account of the regulations and what more can be done.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

97. Refer to Consultation 11th about the Complaint made by Mr. Drake against Captain Hill, for insulting and abusing him, his behaviour to the Council insolent, but being Captain and Supra Cargo of a ship bound to China, and under dispatches, pray the Company will order his punishment, had order'd him to ask pardon but it would have ruin'd the voyage.

98. Mr. Davis sent Second to Vizagapatam, Mr. James Smith dismist as advis'd, Mr. Philip Tullie sent to Vizagapatam on the Monmouth, Mr. Holland Goddard distemper'd in his Liver returns to England, if can be cur'd desires to come out again, and not suffer by his necessity.

99. Mr. George Varelst who writes well and skill'd in accounts taken into the Secretary's Office, where he doth a great deal of business, but at present has no Sallary, hope the Company will entertain him, and he prove very useful.

100. Mr. William Martin entertain'd in the same Office, writes pretty well and is diligent, had they not been forbid taking any into service without the Companys consent would have entertain'd both at once.

101. Mr. Mathew Wyche, Surgeon, Dy'd at Fort St. Davids lately, shall buy some chymical medicines he had.

102. Having but six Writers and one of them going home desire a supply.

103. Sargeant Parrry at St. Davids made Ensign as order'd, also Hugh Kennedy who had behav'd well, have but few Officers unprovided for.

104. Receipts sent for the head Mony paid the Surgeons of the Monmouth and Sunderland.

105. Mr. James Formow succeeds Gunner Launce of Fort St. Davids Deceas'd, Mr. David Murray is gunner at Fort St. George, Mr. Stephen Gibbon made his Mate.

106. The Free Merchants have sign'd the New Indentures, none seem averse to do it.

107. Shall describe the Company as mention'd in the Charter when have occasion.

108. Mr. Horden is not come out, his affairs in the Mayors Court long since ended.

109. The President Elwick will return on the January shipping and resign to Mr. Macrae, he arriv'd 30th August from the West Coast, Mr. Pitt was well in the Macclesfield in June.

110. Mr. Farmers Credit of pagodas 762: 11: 8. wrote off to account Currant London.

111. Mr. Robert King dead, Mr. Walsh at Bencoolen, have wrote to him about Henry Cochranes Estate, Benjamin Edge discharg'd.

112. Do always advise when accounts of Intestates Estates are clear'd, shall observe the rules about them and explain them by the January ships.

113. The Secretary has drawn out the List of constant and not constant Inhabitants as fully as possible.

114. Captain Hunter arriv'd shall be made Gunner, Mr. Walsh made Deputy Governour of the West Coast will answer expectation.

115. Have receiv'd the List of Tonnage will thereby prevent errors.

116. Have sent to the Bay all the Treasure order'd, as did the 30 Chests in March last.

117. Have answer'd the Calculate of the Accountant by last years ships dispatcht, shall with the Bays help send home 6 this.

118. Mr. George Sitwell being order'd home, petition'd to stay 12 months according to his Covenants to settle his affairs, which granted as per Consultation 10th August.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

119. Have drawn the following Bills being Ballances of Estates or Foreigners Money at 2 Months sight and 8 shillings a pagoda, for £433.17.1¼ payable to Thomas Stevens, for £64.8 to Richard Mayle, for £2,316 to Captain John Harry, for £745.11.10¼ to John Biggins, for £197.4. to Monsieur De Lorme, for £614.16 to Peter Chris. Lenoir, for £577.3.6¼ to Thomas Pennyman, for £340.—to David Jones, for £661.15.7¼ to Thomas Gwillim, for £680.—to Francis Rouse.

120. Shall answer the Accountants Letter with the General Books.

121. Do recover all retrievable debts, have made no bad debts.

122. The Bound Renters &c^{a}. charge against Mar Kistna malicious, Accounts clear'd annually with the Merchants, Farmers, &c^{a}. Same order'd at St. Davids.

123. Have given obligations to the China Jesuits for pagodas 2,000 on the terms of the last.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

124. Several Effects of Mr. Peter Shelleys attacht for the deficiencies of pepper, and for Errors in his Accounts, permitted his going to England, several Papers about this Affair sent, Mr. Hubbard's report 4th August Enter'd.

125. Were obliged to pay Bills drawn on them from the West Coast, the Supravisor arriv'd soon after the drawing them, has taken Measures to prevent frauds, don't find reason to charge Mr. Walsh with any.

126. Letter 10th July gives account of sending Mr. Macrae Supravisor to the West Coast, have confirm'd what he did there, of which he sent the Account per Swallowfield, refer to their Letter No. 55 for the further directions to them.

127. The Company in Letter per Hartford allow'd 150 Dollars per Month to the Deputy Governour, besides the 40 Dollars settled by Mr. Cooke, which Messrs. Dunster, Deane, and Walsh had, but producing no Vouchers Mr. Macrae made said Dollars 150 to be refunded, they took other Allowances which by the Companys Letters should be paid for at 20 per cent on Invoice, althô calculated in the Dollars 604.½ settled by Mr. Cooke, resolv'd Mr. Deane should have nothing repaid him, behaving so ill, the other two submitted to the Company, if the Company allow the 150 and design'd the Stores should be paid for, they will have but 90 Dollars overplus to be repaid.

128. Mr. Dunsters deficiency charg'd at Dollars 12,500 appears on enquiry to be but little, this said to justify their choice of him.

129. Have entertain'd Messrs. Alexander Smith, and Samuel Greenslate, Factors for the West Coast, well qualify'd and taken security for them. Mr. Smith having serv'd the Company well at the Cape is appointed Secretary and to succeed in Council.

130. Sorry the Company rely so much on Mr. Pykes Account with relation to the West Coast, he don't deserve the Companys regard.

131. Mr. Hubbard on his return from the West Coast, deliver'd in the Consultations and several accounts relating to that Settlement, the Consultations sent by the Middlesex, another Copy sent of them and Letters, the Paymasters Accounts not to be found, the expence less in his time than Mr. Pykes all things consider'd, refers to his two Letters 24th February and 7th July, 1722, to show what was done in Mr. Pykes and his time, and the great charges he was forc'd to be at, hopes it will not appear he was very extravagant.

132. As to the 10,000 Dollars, payable by Bill to Mr. Hubbard, he was to pay Mr. Pyke a large summ, thought it best to take Bills, which then was allow'd to whoever would pay Money into Cash.

133. Mr. Pyke did take off a Ships Cargo belonging to Mr. Hastings and Draper, Mr. Hubbard carry'd nothing for any of the Council but pagodas 109:24. to buy a pair Horses at Java.

134. Have advis'd to Bengal and publisht at Madrass the prohibition of Trade to the West Coast. but have permitted the People at the West Coast to continue to trade, for their sallary and dyet Mony will not do.

135. Since the above are advis'd, vizt.

136. The Ostend ship is lost, great part of her Treasure sav'd in the Bay.

137. The Ingeram Merchant sail'd 26th August, but drove back by a great storm, in which several ships perisht.

138. Ensign Kee shot at St. Davids by one of the Gunroom Crew who will be severely punisht, have but one Supernumerary Officer there.

139. Two French ships sent home, two arriv'd from Europe at Pondicherry with £36,000 in Silver, two more. the Commodore one missing, it is said each £80,000. Cargos, one Ship bound to the Mallabar Coast the other to Bengal of the two come.

140. The Sunderlands Invoice pagodas 86,897:27:38, for St. Helena pagodas 106:29:25, the Captains Register pagodas 4884, Register of Diamonds pagodas 80,583: 7: 76.

RANDALL FOWKE NATHANIEL ELWICK.
JAMES HUBBARD RICHARD BENYON.
GEORGE DRAKE JOHN EMMERSON.
JOSEPH HOUGHTON.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 15, 1725. RECEIVED PER HEATHCOTE JUNE 26, 1725. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts vol. 2, pp. 416–426 (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Their last was 13th October per Sunderland, she sail'd the 14th. Shall now advise of their mannagement since.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT AND RETURN'D &CA.

2. Duplicate of her Invoice and Bills of lading sent.

3. 23th October sail'd the Jane Brigantine for the Mallabar Coast with the Original Accounts and papers receiv'd from Mr. Tullie relating to Mr. Gyffords estate.

4. The Jenny belonging to Mr. Symonds arriv'd 5th October, return'd for Vizagapatam the 8th ditto, but resolving 19th October to send the Goodfellow to sea, sent some supplys on her for Vizagapatam and Ingeram, which did, and the Mony was landed 25th November, the 10th January she return'd with 190 Bales.

5. This Vessel cost in Bengal Rupees 6704.6. including Imprest, has since her coming had a new Main Mast and Yard, and must have a fore mast.

6. The Freight earn'd by her from Bengal was 2,000 rupees in petre, and from Vizagapatam at twice pagodas 280, and 475, will keep her imploy'd. The Ingeram imported with 194 Bales the 8th Instant.

7 The Young Derby sold in Bengal for rupees 1,350. Currant as per Letter 28th November, the Master will be made refund for stores he embezzled.

8. The Stretham and Francis had most of their ladings aboard.

9. The Macclesfield arriv'd 26th December with Mr. Pitt &c^{a}. Copy of their Books sent per Heathcote, think have followed orders punctually.

10. 15th December agreed to lade the Heathcote at Madrass and Aislabie at St. Davids, she sail'd thither 1st January, by Computation both ships will bring home what let for, and 50 Bales more. List of Tonnage receiv'd is not fully plain not distinguishing Lengths and Breadths, pray may have one fullyer explain'd to prevent Mistakes.

11. 6th December receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Waters at Point de Galle of the Morrice and Cadogans arrival there, they past by Anjengo 3d November. Prince

Augustus sail'd for Europe 17th August, the London 14th September, the Greenwich to return to and be laden home from Mocha, the Duke Cambridge from the Coast, and the Duke York and Compton in all January.

12. Have no news from the James and Mary, hope shall by the George Brigantine soon.

13. The bay say can build sloops cheaper than can have them from Madrass.

14. Captains Europe ships advised to lade no tea or Raw silk, nor above 200 bundles rattans per one hundred tons.

15. French two homeward ships have on board 1700 Bales Callicoes, 500 of Coffee, Cowries 200 Candys, Pepper 450, redwood 500, and 150 of China Root.

16. A French ship with a Country ship gone to the Mallabar Coast the other to Bengal, and from the Mallabar Coast to go to Mocha, they past Anjengo 5th November, their China ship to depart Canton in all December, if the ships from Bengal should come up early enough to go home she will probably be too late for them.

17. Two Ostend ships in China would sail in December.

18. Have advis'd Bombay and Tellicherry what has happen'd about disputes with the French, and also to Anjengo to give early notice.

19. Captain Jones's ship founder'd in her way to Bengal, the Mocha Galley wreck'd near Chittagong, and the Perry Brigantine going up Bengal river. Rich ship from the Bay bound for Madrass has been missing four months, other vessels had great damage. The Josia, a new ship bound to Surat, wreck'd upon Zeilon near Batticolay, the Crew made slaves up the Country, except the Supra Cargo and three more.

20. The Governour of Batticolay has promis'd to maintain them and stand a seige rather than deliver them up.

21. Above 20 of the Ostend Crew are gone out of Bengal well arm'd in a sloop, it is fear'd a pyrating. Hear a Pyrate Sloop is gone from Malacca, of which Mr. Pitt sent a Vessel to advise ships coming thro' those Streights.

22. 6th January sent pagodas 6,000 on the Jenny Galley to Vizagapatam.

23. These two ships positively order'd to keep company.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

24. The Bay so fully supply'd as to be out of debt, and shall pay no Interest for some time.

25. In Consultation 23th November enter'd account of sales of odd Things in Warehouse, amounting to pagodas 372·½35.

26. A new Carpet put up and would not sell above 40 pagodas, and the other two having been used many years have past the three to House Moveables at that rate.

27. On opening some of the Broadcloth receiv'd this year found it short of Invoice Measure some half a yard, some a quarter, desire this be prevented in future, none order'd to be cut till measur'd first by the Warehousekeeper.

28. Refer to Lists of Demands to show what necessary for next Season.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

29. The Macclesfields Quicksilver left aboard because will not sell at the Coast or Bay.

30. Have in last Letter reply'd to the Complaints about the Cloth, since then have had but little effect in their endeavours, what now sent will not be found fault with. Have let the ships have no more than what let for it being generally so bad, refer to their proceedings in Consultation about this matter. 19th October positively assur'd the Merchants they should pay the penalty of their contracts and damages. 2d November the Merchants believing they would take the Cloth because lockt up and not chopt, they therefore order'd it to be chopt. 16th Ditto resolved to make the Merchants pay for the washt Cloth flung out and taken in to prevent washing such bad, and to charge them with Custom at the Choultry and Sea-gate for what imported.

18th Ditto resolv'd to buy of any would bring in good Cloth at Contract prices, this has yet had no effect. 4th December insisted the Merchants should pay their debt with Interest since had not provided Cloth. 10th Ditto agreed to allow them to 11th February to discharge it and would then consider about Interest.

31. Shall now proceed to tell what have been done about the St. Davids Investment.

32. Refer to Letter 50 to show their remarks on two parcells receiv'd per Sloop and Frances, returning to the Merchants 13 Bales of bad Sallampores. 24th September they promise amendment. N°. 57 told them would not again suffer that kind of management, their Letters N^{os}. 154 and 160 gives account what had done, and that sent up the French musters, which find much dearer than what the English pay, that N°. 163 shows the Merchants to blame for disappointing them in their Investments. Letter to them N°. 68 requires strictness in the sorting and obliging Complyance, their Letter N°. 165 gives account of their resolutions in Council upon it, that 166 says had sorted the Cloth of Worriarpollam and Nagore to Longcloth ordinary, this obliged their Merchants to comply with, have done more so since, 16th and 23th November order'd their taking Cloth of any if cheap and good, and to try if could not get good from Nagore, both designs abortive, as also of getting cloth by the Governour of Tranquebar.

33. This shows the insuperable difficulties they are under in the Investment, and why can't lade more than Charterparty Tonnage and a little surplus.

34. Hope to have sufficient for the Macclesfield having receiv'd four hundred and four Bales from the Northward.

35. Refer to Warehousekeepers report 16th November why he does not deserve the censure laid on him, his reasons they say are just.

36. The Merchants paying for the Cloth washt will help to clear the washers debt.

Fourthly concerning the Trade of India in general and therein any Transactions with the Country Government.

37. The General of the Kings army and most of his Officers and army engaged against Chicklise Caun kill'd, he sent Galib Cauns head to the Nabob who led the Forces supply'd by him, and that he would visit him in a while. Ducknaroy the Nabob's favourite dead.

38. The Subah of Gulcondah dead. The Country in arms as per Letters advis'd N^{os}. 182 and 183. It is said Metchlepatam is besieg'd.

39. Coja Gee Deputy Nabob insisted on a large present from the English at Vizagapatam, since his Masters death is quiet. Have order'd not to yield to innovations.

40. Letter 168 advises of a dispute between the Dutch and Rajahs, and that they had sent away their useless people, intending to make reprizals on Rajah Rangarguse.

41. The Peons having abus'd Anconah, when sent for by the President are turn'd out, the Officer fin'd pagodas 700 as per Consultations 16th, 18th and 23th November.

42. Mar Kistna releas'd on giving security to pay his debts, and being put in the Pillory as per Consultations 30th November, 17th, 19th December.

Fifthly touching Fortifications, Buildings, Repairs, and Revenues.

43. The Godowns near the Saluting Battery finisht and substantial, cost pagodas 480 : – : 45 as per Consultation 2nd November.

44. Have not but must soon set about the Bridges.

45. Wait orders about the Silver Mint and Powder House so much decay'd.

46. Mr. Fowke and they not agreeing about the Garden on the Island the bargains vacated.

47. List sent shows how much the Customs are lessen'd.

48. Pagodas 137 : 16 : 70. paid into Cash being the produce of Coral seiz'd at the Sea gate as per Consultation 9th November.

49. Bad debts wrote off from the Rental General and Scavengers' Accounts pagodas 229 : 4 : 40. occasion'd by the poors inability, deaths, and removals.

50. Have endeavour'd to enquire into and lessen Vizagapatam charges as per letter 58, which being answer'd but in part, have repeated the orders 6th January.

51. Several small matters in the Sea gate godowns sold for pagodas 15 :26. paid into Cash as per Consultation 30th December.

52. Are now to advise what done about the St. Davids Revenues and Expences.

53. 3rd October settled and sent the report on the Paymasters Account for August which order'd to be obey'd.

54. This lessens the Expence about Pagodas 6,693. per annum, have none of the Paymasters Accounts since, but as they will come home by the Aislabi[e] may be seen how far comply'd with.

55. 19th October Account enter'd of the Customs paid at St. Davids, Porto Novo, and Pondicherry impracticable to reduce to a medium, 2d November agreed goods imported by Land should pay $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent Talliars duty and Customers fees, and what brought by sea to pay 5 per cent and said fees, but blue cloth and paintings to be Custom free if not carry'd to Porto Novo &c^{a}.

56. 4th December report about examining the St. Davids Cowls enter'd. Letter 181 their answer thereto.

57. Shall now reply to the paragraphs relating to said settlement.

58. The annual charge of St. Davids which was pagodas 27,793 will if the above report be observ'd come but to pagodas 22,842, it shan't be more, hope to make it less.

59. The buildings finisht except as per last Letter.

60. Dyet allowance is pagodas 2,880 a year, pagodas 2,609 saved from anno 1722.

61. Have and shall further endeavour to reduce the Expences.

62. The Garrisons withdrawn from Horsetail and other Points, Guns only dismounted and left there, shall man the Points if allarmed.

63. At Codolore three points withdrawn.

64. The Garrison reduc'd to three hundred men.

65. Codolore and the Fort made the two head quarters, the Fort Company will march on the first allarm.

66. Gunroom considerably reduc'd refer to Paymasters Accounts per Aislabie.

67. Stable expences reduced as order'd.

68. The Peons reduc'd to 210, the Servants wages also, all conceal'd articles shall be explained.

69. Believe Mr. Turner and Council have done all they can to reduce the expences, must take time to perfect them, but shall constantly remind them.

70. Hope by getting more Inhabitants the Sea Customs will revive, especially if can get the Porto Novo dyers to inhabit, the badness of the barrs of no great consequence.

71. Exporting goods by Certificate more hurtful to Madrass than St. Davids, and yet can't be avoided.

72. The Sea and Land Customs depend on each other, if could recover the blue cloth manufacture it would advance the Land Customs.

73. Some small matters continued to the bound renters their Cowl being in force, have not yet settled the Corn Mee[t]ers duty.

74. Their goods imported pay as high duties as the Marketts will bear, and Customs collected more easily and sooner than from the Black Merchants, if found otherwise will amend it.

75. Their Merchants shall pay custom on all Cloth imported by Sea or Land, but have not fully settled the Method.

76. Renters of the Bounds will continue their Cowl with the Juncan struck off except as in Letter No. 187.

77. Have punctually obey'd the Company's orders to show their zeal.

78. All possible methods used to bring in Inhabitants, publick notices given of the priviledges they shall have, Mr. Pit promises to hear and relieve the poor.

79. Tho' can't reduce the Customs to the Medium of Porto Novo and Pondicherry, what is done will have some good effect.

80. Pagoda duty discontinued since left to everyone's choice.

81. Additional duties in paragraph 45 struck off, except Customers and Talliars, the Customers deserve it well the other is to make good stolen goods, Town Conicoply and head of the right hand cast have a small monthly Indulgence.

82. Will observe Company's paragraph 46.

83. The Accountant collects the weighing and measuring and has half for his trouble, the nature of it explain'd in Letter No. 2 receiv'd this year.

84. Method of collecting the duty of the Joint Stock Merchants Cloth will be settled equal with that of St. Davids and Madrass.

85. The Bound Renters Juncan was 2 per cent its taken off except in small Articles, if these prove prejudicial will take them off.

86. The River fishing farm'd at pagodas 40 and 24. Chuckrums a year and is easy.

87. Repairing Trevindaporum Mole let alone can be repair'd for Pagodas 20 or 30 to be fac'd with Bricks or stone would be very chargeable.

88. When ships are gone will view the Toddy trees without the Bounds will let them to draw toddy if can be done.

89. Grain very cheap, will prevent all attempts to engross the poors food.

90. Will publish the dutys allow'd to the Beetle and Tobacco Farmers and punish every oppression.

91. The taking off the Juncan duty has eas'd the poor as to firewood &c^{a}. necessaries.

92. Will encourage the planting Topes of trees in the bounds.

93. The rent to Mar Kistna's pagoda is taken off, can't encourage building others unless by granting revenues this would hurt the Inhabitants.

94. Have answer'd paragraph 58 are assured Mr. Turner has taken care the poor be not opprest nor Merchants injur'd by any.

95. Sea and Land Customers order'd to reside near their business and the Companys boats to attend them on Consultation days.

96. Having done their utmost as aforesaid heartily wish St. Davids may flourish, since the Company promise to reward them for it.

97. Refer to Letter No. 1. this year what answer receiv'd from St. Davids touching their orders will advise what to do to promote this good Work and their progress therein.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

98. Mr. Pitt will go to St. Davids as soon as well he can.

99. Mr. George Tully dy'd 7th November his will prov'd the 16th Messrs. Emmerson &c^{a}. his trustees, Mr. Carter appointed to the Sea gate, Mr. Newcome to have the next beneficial place as per Consultation 9th November, in that of the 18th is enter'd some of the Covenant Servants desires that he mayn't be station'd above them, he was made Weigher at the Sea gate and Clerk of the Market in Mr. Ways room.

100. Mr. Higginson coming up from St. Davids to settle some family accounts went back lately with a supply of Cash for that place.

101. Messrs. Jennings, Blackall, Smith and Cooke go home on the Aislabie so does Mr. Barneval, President Elwick on the Heathcote, and Mr. Sitwell will on the Macclesfield.

102. The Surgeon's mate allow'd 10 pagodas a month for sallary and dyet.

103. Major Roach allow'd two servants and his former pay as per Consultation 2d November.

104. Lieutenant Sutherland dying 27th December, Lieutenant Wilson will be sent to St. Davids, and Lieutenant Ogden call'd up to Madrass.

105. One of the Ensigns broke for his sottishness. Ensign Boyd very infirm put on the pensioners, have only two supernumerary Lieutenants.

106. Ten of the Military sent to the West Coast on the George, and twenty to St. Davids, on the Aislabie, have only eleven supernumerary.

107. Ensign Fox allow'd half pay for former services, and several worn out soldiers as per Letter receiv'd No. 169, and sent No. 73.

108. Pagodas 14:26:27. paid into Cash the ballance Mr. Jenkinsons estate, desire directions about his Books and Papers.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

109. Refer to Lists for what Books and Accounts sent, Vizagapatam Books sent on the Sunderland, Fort St. Davids per Aislabie.

110. The following Bills drawn at 8s. a pagoda and two months sight, for £120. payable to Grace Orrill, for £292:2. to Bennet Martin, for £152:8 4½ to Captain John Gough, for £53.15.6 to William Dunster, for £1,060.12. to Captain William Mackett, for £598.19.3 to Richard Higginson, for £126 to Peter Diharse, for £80. to Robert Dimond, for £12000 to John and Samuel Hyde.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

111. Have had no news thence since Mr. Macraes arrival expect some daily per George.

112. Shall send the Mills and Copper Boylers for the Sugar plantations.

113. Pagodas 36 allow'd Messrs. Smith and Greenslate for provisions in the Voyage.

114. Letter to the Secret Committee sent.

115. Aislabie's Invoice &c^{a}. will come from St. Davids. Register of Diamonds by her pagodas 2,703: Captain's Register will be from St. Davids. Captain Tolson's Register pagodas 80. Heathcotes Invoice pagodas 128,578:5:8. Diamonds Register pagodas 80,211:8:5.

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P.S.—More bills drawn on same terms, for £240 payable to Mary Oadham, for £77.12 to John Blackford, for £ 2,500 to Laurence Parker, for £138.4 4½ to John Savage, for £115.3.8 to Edward Pratt, for £448.18.3½ to Ja: Colebrooke.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 11, 1725. RECEIVED PER MACCLESFIELD August 10, 1725. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 426–429 (India Office Transcript)*].

1. By the Sunderland reply'd to great part of the Letters receiv'd by the ships this year, by the Heathcote and Aislabie added what material to that time, shall now give account of proceedings since their last of the 15th January.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. The Heathcote sail'd 17th January order'd to joyn the Aislabie at St. Davids, they sail'd thence the 20th January.

3. Receiv'd 25 Bales from Ingeram the 21th. Mr. Blunt who came on the Speedwell will soon return with pagodas 10,000. 122 Bales receiv'd from St. Davids are on the Macclesfield, 20,000 pagodas and 12,000 rupees sent to Vizagapatam, expect 5 to 600 Bales in September from thence and Ingeram in September and 4 to 500 more in January.

4. Have paid the Macclesfields Supra Cargos their Commission, and receiv'd the 3 per cent on their gold. Account of Coinage enter'd in Consultation 1st February.

5. Aislabies dispatches were dated the 18th January but not deliver'd till the 20th staying for the Heathcote.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS FROM EUROPE AND CHINA.

6. Have gott off the Broadcloth at 30 per cent.

7. Madeira Wine rais'd to 45 pagodas a pipe.

8. Account Sales of part of the Macclesfields China Cargo enter'd 11th February, also how the weights come out better than usual, shall send the Tootenague to the Bay.

THIRDLY TOUCHING THE INVESTMENT.

9. Have with much trouble almost fill'd up the Macclesfield, resolv'd to take in no Cloth worse than No. 2 making the Merchants to pay the dead freight. Fort St. Davids prest to get goods, agreed to take some blue cloth, and order'd to send all the white they could get.

10. On viewing some pieces of the blue Cloth resolv'd not to accept the parcell, but after opening several Bales at the Godowns found them good as to the price being but pagodas 33 per Corge, therefore resolv'd to take the whole, considering the necessity for goods.

11. Have supply'd Vizagapatam with pagodas 30,000 expect a good supply in September, shall send pagodas 10,000 to Ingeram, expect 300 Bales from thence early, have made a new Muster of Longcloth fine, Ingeram Cloth on examination found to be preferable to Vizagapatam as cheaper and coming whiten'd.

12. Resolv'd to pay the washers for the Cloth they washt and charge it in account to the Merchants and the Merchants to pay custom for the Cloth they brought in, and to do the like at St. Davids, did this to prevent their bringing in such goods as would not be accepted.

13. The Merchants allow'd to this day to pay their debt to the Company and remitted the Interest.

14. On perusing the Merchants Contracts at St. Davids and here, found they had bound themselves in pagodas 90,000 penalty, and occasion'd great damages to the Company by the badness of the goods, agreed the Merchants should take off the Broadcloth, this worth pagodas 10,000, and contract for 4,000 Bales, the Madrass Merchants to pay pagodas 8,000 and those of St. Davids 22,000.

15. Expect this will prevent the like abuses for some years and is as much as the case would bear, if had been rigorous would have ruin'd a set of men who by care may be brought to do good service.

FOURTHLY CONCERNING THE TRADE OF INDIA, AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

16. Chicklice Caun is now in the Metchlepatam Country disputing with Opperow, some report he will go against Jaffer Caun in Bengal, others against the King of Misoar, has order'd their Nabob and Abdul Nabby to attack that King.

FIFTHLY FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

17. The bridge at the Armenian gate order'd to be repair'd to be paid out of the Conicoply duty.

18. Hope to raise the Beetle and Tobacco Farm which expires the 5th April, the new rent roll is pagodas 3,349 : 28.

SIXTHLY FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

19. Lieutenant Wilson gone down to command the Second Company at St. Davids. Lieutenant Ogden and Eckman call'd up, that garrison now reduc'd as order'd. Lieutenant Morgan laid down.

20. No alteration in the Covenant servants since their last.

21. Mr. Sitwell and William Ettrick come home on the Macclesfield.

22. Captain Tolson complain'd of for bringing out this Ettricke, and promising to carry him back, but with such Restrictions as forc'd him to stay, hope he will be treated as he deserves.

23. Probate of Mr. John Harnage's will, who dy'd at Gerea in Prison, enter'd in Consultation, of which Mr. Benyon has an attested copy.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

24. China Jesuits have lodg'd more money in the Company's hands on the former terms, which would not absolutely accept till had orders about the 2,000 pagodas last paid in, desire directions.

25. Account of Bills drawn.

SUPPLEMENT.

26. Large French ship just arriv'd from Pondicherry, another came from Bengal.

27. The Macclesfields Invoice is pagodas 157,471 : 18 : 63., for St. Helena pagodas 73 : 26 : 16. Captains Register pagodas 728 : 20 : 45. besides that from China. Register of Diamonds pagodas 7,148 : 7 : 40.

28. Copy of the contract with the Merchants as design'd sent, some unusual sortments they will not engage for only to do what they can.

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Mr. Ettricke not paying permission Captain Tolson should. Macclesfield wants 18 Bales of being full.

Sign'd by the same gentlemen.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED AUGUST 23, 1725. RECEIVED PER COMPTON APRIL 5, 1726, [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 455—469 (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Their last was 11th February 1724–5 per Macclesfield advising of all occurrences.

2. She was 22th April 50 Leagues to the Eastward of Cape Lagullas seen by the Eyles, have received the Companys Letters 11th November and 2d February to which are now to reply.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

3. The Lyell arriv'd 24th May, sail'd 12th June to the Bay with the orders of Investment, Fordwich arriving 2d July kept her for a later ship.

4. Glad so many ships arriv'd safely. Heathcote was at the Cape in March.

5. The Benjar and China ships had been at Batavia, the Coast and Bay ships touch'd at the Fort, the Drake was got to Mocha.

6. The Lyell lost company of the Fordwich, had no soldiers on her to the Bay, having no news of Pyrates.

7. Shall send them all the treasure to be receiv'd this year, and of that 100 Chests in rupees, being a third part and what they usually desire.

8. The 30 Chests of money were last year sent to the Bay after the dispatch of the ships, kept what remained in warehouse for supply of their Investments.

9. Shall let the ships have no more petre than they really want, and no more than Charterparty, unless requested.

10. Have acquainted Captains Aubone and Mawson with the orders about Tea Rattans and Raw Silk, and taken best care to prevent their other orders, hope to have a good quantity of Bales by 5th September when the Fordwich goes to the Bay.

11. Have no orders this year from the Secret Committee, but have sent a Packett to them.

12. Pleas'd the Company approve the Advices of Ships Importing, Exporting &c^{a}., do take what care they can about the Captains Registers, and about Loss of weight in Goods, when the Monmouth returns shall recover the value of spectacles wanting, have wrote to the Bay about it.

13. Have only the George Brigantine on the Companys Account, the Goodfellow sold with her stores for pagodas 2,000 as per Consultation 22th February. Will prevent ficticious or unreasonable Articles in the Masters Accounts.

14. Will if possible recover the Dartmouths Wreck or what they can of it.

15. A Committee appointed to enquire who received anything by the Goodfellow to pay their Share of the Serango's Gratuity, and advise in January.

16. 14th February arriv'd George Brigantine from the West Coast, advis'd the James and Mary was gone to Benjar, she returned 28th March is expected back.

17. 10,000 pagodas sent with Mr. Blunt to Ingeram, 10,000 more sent on the Maurice via Vizagapatam, 10,000 pagodas sent to Vizagapatam on the Jenny Galley 25th March, and 5,000 pagodas and 16,000 rupees on the Marlbrô. 103 Bales Cloth receiv'd per Jenny, and from Fort St. Davids 106 Bales.

18. The Margery came from Bengal 22th February with Lead, return'd on her 115 Candys Tootenague, supply'd her with two Cables which advis'd to the Bay.

19. The Compton from Bombay arriv'd 10th May to lye the season, the Bombay Galley the 20th let on freight, the 29th arriv'd the Morrice let on freight to Mr. Curgenven, the next day the Monmouth touch'd in her way to Bengal.

20. The 6th June arriv'd the Eyles, had run thrô, his men down, and water scarce, the Lynn arriv'd the 7th, and the Marlbrô the 11th with 18 Bales from St. Davids, the Enfield arriv'd the 25th with more, the Fordwich the 2d July, the Enfield wanting water touch'd on the Coast and stay'd at St. Davids the Captain being very sick. James and Mary arriv'd 15th June, could not do her business at Benjar.

21. Lyell and Eyles went to the Bay 12th June, the Morrice the same day, on her sent some mony to Mr. Blunt at Vizagapatam, sent the rest of their Tootenague on the Elizabeth Freight free, Enfield sail'd to the Bay 9th July, the 10th the Bombay Galley for Bombay, the Lynn for the Bay 27th July, and the Marlbrô 10th August.

22. Advanct 300 pagodas for Cattamaran wood 31th May, being in great want.

23. Have and shall observe the orders about firing guns on Salutes, and in Expence on Festivals &c^{a}.

24. Will take care none shall be impos'd on in price of provisions nor have they for some years.

25. Mr. Prats Lacquer'd Ware shall be sent in the January ships.

26. Tryal sent of the Pyrates on the Goodfellow, and Letter to the Lords of the Admiralty about it.

SECONDLY AS TO GOODS.

27. Are overstockt with Broadcloth, if don't stop a year can't raise its price, the Merchants buy none, must sell it at Outcry.

28. Have appointed the Cordage to be inspected.

29. Will in future enter all accounts of goods sold, the particulars are enter'd in the Storekeepers accounts. Will dispose of perishable goods when begin to damage. 7th June sundry worn out stores sold and some Iron.

30. All the Madeira Wine sold had brought it up gradually to 45 pagodas. 15th June sold one pipe at 70 at Outcry, some days sold the rest being two pipes at 75 because wines from Persia fail'd, did advise the Bay how wine sold at the Fort.

31. Desire no more Iron for some time all the markets full. 22th June had 588 Candy besides 200 lately sold, sell out in small parcells at twelve pagodas which used to be at 14 a Candy.

32. Will sell all the Companys goods the best they can.

33. Had from the Bay last year 100 Candys of lead as wrote for, and afterwards above 40 Tons more by the George, have sold 63 Candy at 20 pagodas.

34. 18th February the Merchants sign'd Bonds for the Broad Cloth, also for the Penalty.

35. On debate and Enquiry the Council allow'd the Mexico Dollar deliver'd into the Mint to be allow'd at two penny weight worse than Standard, tho' the Companys Accountant complain'd of it.

36. On reduction of charge of Coinage did on 26th April agree the Minters should pay for the lead for refining at 10 pagodas a Candy, formerly paid but seven.

37. 22th May is an Account of Stores wrote off to profit and Loss for wast by rust, or broke, and spoil'd.

38. 7 Chests of silver sold the Owners of the Royal George for China at $\frac{1}{4}$ Dollar indulgence in 10 pagodas above current price, which was $15\frac{1}{2}$ for 10 pagodas this year, all the Companys sent to the Bay, yet the French bring so much it is not like to rise, they sell none unless necessitated.

39. List enter'd in Letter Book of Woollen Goods, Timber, and plank, at St. Davids lying useless, order'd to send up the goods and best of the Timber, and sell the worst at Outcry.

40. 12th July order'd to sell a large parcell of Guns at 50 per cent on Invoice.

41. Deficiencies in cargos of the Lynn and Marlbrô, which Captains would not pay for, endorsed on the Bills Lading

42. The Match per Marlbrô so rotten it can't be used, the Cask packt in very good.

43. Consultation 7th June enter'd two accounts of stores, one of deficiencies, others of Surplus Stores, on a thorough Examination.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

44. Shall by the January ships advise about the Pepper Affair to be examin'd, the 600 Candy order'd was not bought.

45. The special Committee will examine and answer the particulars under this head from 20 to 39, those concern'd heartily sorry for the causes of said complaint, they had no advantage by it. Hope the cargos by the later ships will give better satisfaction.

46. The President goes to the sorting Godown very often to examine the goods brought in from all parts, proof of their care to amend what amiss appears in the Letter No. 56 to Vizagapatam and their remarks on St. Davids Cloth ill wash'd, and in Consultations 7th, 15th, 21th, and 25th July. Have got in yet but 179 Bales, the Letters to and from St. Davids will show their endeavours in this matter, and to forward the Investment.

47. Last year gave reasons why the Warehousekeeper was not culpable about the bad goods.

48 The turn'd out Cloth mark'd T.O. can't be brought again, give reason why should not lock it up.

49. The sorters chop the cloth they sort with the Letters of their Names.

50. Every piece examin'd through and mostly by two.

51. Sorters are told of the Companys orders, believe none will be tempted to do amiss.

52. Last contract made 15th February did endeavour to get in goods early but disappointed.

53. Have sent the orders to Ingeram and Vizagapatam about washing the Cloth, some washt there this time.

54. Do turn out all Cloth if not full length and breadth.

55. The Dutch advance the price of their investment, and the French all that comes, except what the English mark turn'd out, this makes the Merchants dilatory.

56. 18th February the Merchants ow'd pagodas 60,700: 2: 19. two of the three summs since paid, and their chopt Cloth deliver'd them, and have security for the other, and for the Broad Cloth and Penalty also for the St. Davids Merchants debts.

57. Have at the desire of Vizagapatam coin'd and sent 100,000 Copper Dubs as per Muster receiv'd, they write there will be loss on them, which they shall make good because did not advise.

58. Have forbid Mr. Symonds and Blunt to be at charge about the Peons bringing in Cloth, but to pay when brought in.

59. Have allow'd the Merchants to have some mony advanced at St. Davids on good security.

60. Have done all possible to get in goods at Madrass and St. Davids, Mr. Burton went into the country among the Weavers and did some good, till the French large demands spoil'd all. Consultation 22th June shows the Merchants Cloth costs dearer than the Company pay. The French take all at extravagant rates the Merchants promise to supply their wants for the January ships, have of late brought in better Cloth.

61. 25th June took in Long Cloth and sallampores fine at an abatement, and undermark't them, which Captain Aubone had laden on him, hope will approve it.

62. Sorry the Company are not satisfyed with the Excuses for the badness of their Investments, had no advantage by taking in the bad goods, nor were order'd to send a ship on freight, did write to the Bay what quantity of goods they proposed to provide to govern them in their Investments thereby.

63. Have not been able to provide more than 179 Bales according to Muster, the St. Davids assurances to provide 2,000 to 2,500 Bales a year of good Cloth were wrong, have got to this time but 106 Bales, expect 1000 Bales from the Norward but their Fabrick grows worse as per Letter 56 and 73 which hope to amend.

64. The Merchants mulcted pagodas 30,000 for not performing the Contract, fear must do so again this year, if do will quite disable them.

65. Have try'd every Method to mend the Fabrick but hitherto in vain, were there no other buyers the Merchants must comply, The Eastern Markets sent away all they could, and paid as dear as the Company, the Complaint of wanting Washers was when they had so large Investments, had all pieces short of Muster been turn'd out must have washt much more, wish they had and shall hereafter.

66. Can't get a great quantity of Cloth No. 1.

67. Sent pagodas 20,000 to Vizagapatam because a Fort, and to Ingerum but 5,000 because an open place and might be insulted.

68. Shall strictly follow orders about Investments, which have sent to all the Subordinates. St. Davids Merchants refuse to make any Alterations, and so do those of Madrass, must therefore contract early for the next season, when hope to get better men for punctuality.

69. The Answer to these Complaints are from those they concern, the promises of Amendment are from all.

70. Mr. Holcombe at his desire allow'd to bring up Musters from Metchlepatam to see if could do anything there.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA, AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

71. Country trade has still a bad prospect, there being too many ships, have forbid more, or to sell Anchors or Cordage for Pegu, where they are built except at an advance price.

72. Glad the Company approve their management with the Nabob, hope shall not be much troubled with him. Have had no late demand about the Villages. Glad the matter of the Dutch Ferryboat is approv'd.

73. Packet from the Select Committee about Covilon sent.

74. Letters from Tellicherry advise the French have left Mihie. Had receiv'd Mr. Adams Answer to the French Complaints, its Entry in the Letter Book, had prepar'd an Answer and Mr. Pitt was to have expostulated with them on it, but hearing they had left the Place did not send it.

75. The Country Government in utmost Confusion, Chicklice Caun having chang'd the Chief Officers of Oringabaud Subaship, reduced the Rajahs about Metchlepatam, and order'd their Nabob &c^{a}. to attack the King of Mysore, hearing an army from Delhi was marching against him he decamped and went to meet it. The old Rajah of Rajahmundrum attempted to reassume his government, the troubles thereupon in the Country made them recruits to Vizagapatam as per Consultation 31th July, to be return'd when the troubles over.

76. The Rajahs being in motion on Chicklice Cauns departure, the supplys are desired to be continued at Vizagapatam.

77. Are quiet about Madrass, the Nabob being old hope to continue so.

78. The Genims have ruin'd all the trade of Surat, Subah of Guzarat in arms for Chicklice Caun. This general confusion in the Empire greatly affects the trade of India, and impedes their Investments. Can advise nothing certain about Persia.

79. Poindy Chitty Kistna a great Offender, pillory'd, and whipt out of Town.

80. Being advis'd a brigantine was run away with from Malacca Road, and Jean Baptista Alano was her captain, sent notice of this to all places. Sometime after he wrote to the President to get a commission to make reprizals on the King of Acheen, whose subjects had murder'd Captain Orrill, and his people in the Success, belonging to Bengal, he had run in debt to several at the Coast and Bay. Have wrote to Pegu to seize him and ship, hearing he was gone thither to build one.

81. Renter of the Old Gardens complains of Sunca Ramah for extorting pagodas 446 from him as per Consultation 4th May, 12th and 19th July. Sunca Ramah says pagodas 350 was for Governour Collett, the rest allow'd because he was his security, not proving it fully, order'd an Oath to decide it, the Complainer swore, Sunca Ramah would not, so fined him pagodas 350 and Interest to the Gardener, and pagodas 100 towards mending the roads for forcing the allowance.

82. Paupa Braminy complain'd Sunca Ramah took from him the Administration of a Pagodo his Inheritance, this on examination being found true he was restored, and to have the profits made him good.

83. Ancona on complaint has been found to have been greatly wrong'd by false evidence in the Mayors Court, five men condemn'd to pay him pagodas 2,300, receiv'd on sale of his Effects with Interest. Sunca Ramah found to have done him Injury, which they determining to enquire into, Sunca Ramah has adjusted with him in private, to prevent his standing on record.

84. By letters from Pondicherry are inform'd a Madagascar Prince had kill'd 100 pyrates, that others had cut one anothers throats, but 12 left who will soon be destroy'd.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

85. The fortifications at Madrass and St. Davids in good order, are securing Codolore Factory House at a small expence, the Magazine at Vizagapatam terrassing, a little house and some Godowns building at Ingerum.

86. 26th February some Godowns survey'd. 8th March order'd to be repair'd.

87. The Lodgings at the two Sea Batteries will cost repairing pagodas 179 : 18.

88. The Stables and Carpenters Yard repairing will cost pagodas 195.

89. The Storekeeper wanting room for Cordage, two Godowns by Marlbrô Bastion found not worth repairing, two near Midlegate under the Curtain will cost about pagodas 15. repairing.

90. Have not yet begun the Wall from Madapollam Point to the Blockhouse, the Mint House found not worth repairs, except a small upper room near it, have order'd it and new pillars to support the Sheds where Silver is melted, the house can't stand long, shall keep accounts Repairs and Buildings by themselves.

91. Mr. Holcombe has leave to come from Metchlepatam, two left to take care of the house.

92. Have but seven horses of the Companys, most of them worn out, so bought four, and furniture for the Presidents lodgings in the Fort, some new Tables made, the old broke.

93. Account in the packet of some timber and plank sold because decaying.

94. Have reduc'd the Expences as low as possible, no unnecessary charges suffer'd, and believe none are in the Subordinate Factorys. Hope the Sea and Land Customs will be as large as ever, for proof thereof, 22th March all paintings order'd to pay alike at the Choultry, tho' made in the town &c^{a}., these formerly exempted, to prevent fraudulent bringing any in. All Choultry notes for Customs renew'd, because by them fine goods have past for Ordinary.

95. The 6th April the Companys Merchants order'd to pay Town Conicoply duty as well as others did.

96. 19th April told the Patans would not bear their dilatoriness in paying Customs, that they must submit to the Port rules, but would maintain their priviledges.

97. 12th May forbid traversing goods without paying Customs on pain of forfeiture, on this some Supra Cargos from Surat bound to China represented and prov'd that were forc'd to lade part of their China Cargos on other ships which arriving desired to put in their own, but resolv'd to permit no more till had the Companys orders. Pray the Company will consider the hardness of the Case, the trade so low will not bear hardships.

98. Have resolv'd no piece goods shall be exported before inspection, a place for it appointed in the sorting Godown, and Samuel Parkes to be Inspector. These used to be valued by the Choultry Notes, of which great many uncancell'd for course goods consumed in the town which encreased yearly, and caus'd Impositions.

99. Last year gave the reason why bad debts would happen in the Rent Roll and Scavengers duty, many dying or removing tho' very severe in seizing what can find.

100. The Renters of Egmore &c^{a}. Villages lost 600 pagodas in the last three years, if the Lease was longer might hope to raise it to pagodas 1,400. The Company

to pay the Caungohee duty. Have let Egmore &c^{a}. Villages for ten years at pagodas 1,450 a year, the Casts bidding one against the other on account of some particular priviledges. The Beetle and Tobacco Farm let at 10,000 pag^{s}. a year 3,000 encreas'd.

101. Have lower'd the Batty paid Peons from 60 to 40 Cash a day as formerly before the Famine not since reduced, this tho' but little will prove their care.

102. The Garden let to Maria Pois for 40 pagodas now let for 70.

103. The Renter of the Companys old Garden letting the Buildings run to ruin and not planting trees as covenanted, his Cowle cancell'd and it was let at Outcry for Pagodas 351, a year.

104. The Arrack Farmers at St. Davids debt paid, the Farm let for 4 years at pagodas 1200. a year under the restrictions advis'd last year. Corn-meeters duty let there for pagodas 180. a year, used to yield but 60. the St. Davids Council gave reasons for not letting in Letter No. 45.

105. Have settled the Fees for registring houses at St. Davids at half per cent to the Chief Justice, half to the Register.

106. Do take the best care in collecting the Sea Customs, and to have no bad debts, the Customer pays in Monthly what receiv'd and the Merchants often call'd on, and once a year the Account is clear'd.

107. Have order'd Vizagapatam to send state of the Expences, in Letter No. 18. is Account of Revenues.

108. The leaving Blanks in the Consultation book about the Measuring Cowle unpardonable, by their Book the Medium of 5 years was Garse 4,153 a year of Grain, the Duty clear of Charges was pagodas 922 : 32. Extract of what imported in 5 years sent in the Packet, and is in a Medium Garse 4,367.

109. Ponapa Moodulaire had paid some Mony before the 20 pagodas mention'd 30th April, the pagodas 258. was the whole debt he being one of the renters, is now in the Choultry for the residue 36. pagodas.

110. Paupa Braminy and all others pay punctually.

111. The Bridges are paid for pagodas 6,000. being collected on the Town, pagodas 550. remaining, and the New Hospital clear'd by Town Conicoply duty. Ballance of that Account and what since receiv'd of the Companys Merchants paid the Corporation, who are mending one of the Bridges, as was also Sunca Ramah's fine.

112. In Consultation 22th February consider'd the affair of the Mint a Committee appointed for it, to make a scheme of the advantages and disadvantages of Silver not being exported. 8th March they deliver'd in a Report, which made the Madrass rupee 2 per cent dearer to the Merchant than the Arcot, on this lower'd the Coinage 1 per cent which lower'd also what the Company coin'd. The Company paid but $1\frac{1}{2}$ instead of 2 per cent, on agreeing to forbid exporting Silver not coin'd into rupees, thô the report hinted it would lower Silver, and they had no occasion to sell any, yet this gave a general damp to Trade, and therefore were forc'd to permit Gold and Silver to be exported. Believe the Arcot rupees have as much Credit in Bengal as the Madrass for on the prohibition Silver fell to $15\frac{1}{2}$ dollars, when permitted it arose to 15, at Pondicherry all the time it sold at $14\frac{7}{8}$ which is from 4 to 3 per cent thô the cost of a rupee is but one difference. Thô have not been able to go thrô with this affair because of the vast quantity of Silver imported at Pondicherry yet have paid but $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on the Companys Silver coin'd this Season, and some was coin'd for other persons. The general damp on Trade made them take off the prohibition. Hope the dispute they have had with the Minters will soon be over.

113. The Mony advanc'd the Boatmen for plank is repaid, will not let debts be transferred in future, nor Mony paid without the Councils leave.

114. Shall enter list of all Farms in the front of the Consultation book.

115. The lease to Mrs. Empson was of Manuche's garden for 21 years, renters general receives the quit rent.

116. The Renters of the Villages would not in 1721–2 take their Oaths to their Accounts but rather pay the whole, afterwards they did, and never repaid the difference, and the summs mention'd in Cash book.

117. Believe Fort St. David will flourish, care taken to treat all well, and not let the Farmers oppress any.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, AND THEIR ACCOUNTS

118. Eight of the Fordwiches Soldiers wanting, of which 7 deserted at Plymouth, 2 dy'd in the Lynn.

119. The Secretary says the King Williams Letter anno 1719–20 call'd it more regular to enter list of Covenant Servants in Consultation than in loose paper, shall now do both, and one now is in the Packet.

120. Mr. Weston Mintmaster arriv'd and hope will give general satisfaction, Mr. English says the Gold was adulterated in China, he has taken the utmost care.

121. All Persons delivering up their Employs, and others entring on them do sign the Accounts of Remains where are any.

122. They last year and this have answer'd the Companys Letters Paragraph by paragraph thô formerly omitted, the Secretary then new in his employ, will obey all the Companys orders sent.

123. Will recover the Ballance due from Mr. Sommers of Mr. Drapers Attorneys, he paying the Commission.

124. Shall keep up to the orders about the Mayors Court.

125. And keep the Stable Expences as order'd.

126. The Secretary begs pardon for faults in Copying the Consultation &c^{a}. being Signed by Transcriber and Examiner, thought might be depended on, will be more strict in future. Shall modell the Packet lists and begining of Letters as order'd.

127. And express the Companys Title in matters of Law as in the Indentures.

128. Captain Powney remitted Captain Gwillims Estate in Bills last year.

129. Zachary Skinner is at Bencoolen has not ask't leave to come home.

130. Mr. Oldners Legacy now remitted by Bill.

131. Firing 36 Guns at Mr. Oadhams funeral was customary being the years he was old, and for a first Lieutenant 16, for others 14 will now order'd be more frugal.

132. Mr. Wessell thankfull for the Company's favour to him, do give places of profit to most deserving, he is Register of the Townhall.

133. Will not again allow travelling Charges to Officers when go on preferment.

134. Mr. Monson is under the Accountant, Mr. Smart under the Secretary, Mr. Brackstone and Harris gone for 3 years to St. Davids.

135. Mr. Hyde thankfull for the Companys favour will endeavour to merit it, is Sub-Secretary and carefull therein.

136. Mr. Robert Woolley Sub-Accountant does very well is commended.

137. Mr. Paul Foxley has been 4 years under the Warehousekeeper is faithfull and recommended, he never was a Sorter but only embaled the goods, therefore could not sort bad Oringal Bettellees.

138. Nicholas Morse the Register of the Choultry, Charles Peers under the Accountant, both deserve the Companys favour.

139. New Indentures sent fill'd up and sent in the Packet, desire 12 or 18 pair more.

140. Mr. Pitt went Deputy Governour to St. Davids 13th March. Mr. Turner came up the 21th the Commission enter'd No. 38 in Letter Book.

141. Mr. Mansell on his request came up from St Davids and stays at Madrass, Mr. John Stratton sent in his room.

142. Mr. Tullie came up from Vizagapatam, and Joseph Goldfinch gone in his room.

143. The Steward of the Hospitalls pay rais'd on his Petition from 3⅓ pagodas to 5 a Month.

144. Mr. Ramsay chosen Surgeon's Mate till Munro goes home in January at 10 pagodas a Month.

145. Edward Snow entertained Chief Gunners Mate in room of Stephen Gibson deceas'd.

146. When Captain Hunter arriv'd Mr. David Murray an able man being chief gunner he accepted a Ship offer'd him, hope the Company will approve him.

147. Ensign Parry an incorrigible sott broke, Mr. Mathew Hairstens appointed to succeed him.

148. One of Captain Winters soldiers left sick ashore, Dyed soon after.

149. Allowance to Mrs. Cowses children taken off they being provided for.

150. Mr. Robert Berriman 3d of Council at Fort St. Davids.

151. Paragraphs relating to St. Davids sent thither and always shall.

152. Have heard nothing of Mr. Horden, when he comes shall have justice done him.

153. Mr. Benyon after some scruple signed the new Indenture, but petitioning to go home, was desir'd to sit at the Board till he went. Mr. Richards Higginson brought into Council, Mr. Turner takes the charge of Export Warehousekeeper, and Mr. Emmerson of the Import till the Ballance of the Books.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

154. Shall follow the Companys orders on this head.

155. Shall in January answer about the Silver salved on the Nightingale.

156. Have receiv'd of Captain Fullertons Executors pagodas 2,551. brought to the Companys Credit.

157. Have receiv'd of Padre Labbe 10,000 pagodas. Padre Goville offer'd 2,000 pagodas. Have had more paid in for which don't yet allow Interest, and expect it will make with more that lyes ready pagodas 10,000 for Padre Goville, but do delay the receipt because have a large Cash and think the Interest too high.

158. Intend to send all the Silver to the Bay, receiv'd being 97 chests, having stock sufficient by the Merchants Penalty sale of the Broad Cloth and in Cash to pay for their Investment as per Contract Revenues and Sale of goods will more than bear Expences. Forty-four Chests of last years Silver will enable them for next years Contract till the Ships arrive, therefore send to the Bay all the 320 Chests of Silver receiv'd.

159. On perusing the debts in the General Books the President found Naro Verona reckon'd insolvent which upon tryall to recover, he has paid 500 pagodas engaged for pagodas 513 : 24 : 76 in a year, and the remaining 500 pagodas in a year more, on this have given him a Cowl for providing the salt earth for the Washers at 13 Mercalls a pagoda which is cheaper than now gotten, this debt accounted desperate many years.

160. Have drawn the following Bills at 2 Months Sight and 8s. the pagoda, for £800. to Mr. John Turner for £276·10·5¼ to Madame La Neuve de feu and Pierre Dulivier, for £432·9. to Mr. John Cooke, for £440·11·8¾ to Robert King Esq., for £3,200 to John Keighley of Greys Inn, for £95·3·3¾ to John Burdet, for £2,000 to Dr. William Fullerton, for £554·15·6 to Nathaniel Torriano.

EIGHTHLY ABOUT THE WEST COAST.

161. George Brigantine imported soon after the Macclesfield sail'd with a General Letter giving a pretty good Account. James and Mary dispatcht for Benjar with a Chest of Silver more than order'd, all laid out and the ship not laded so that she came to Madrass. Instructions to the Captain and Mr. Shewen are No. 26 in Letter Book.

162. 27th June Captain Aubone gave in a Letter to entitle him to Demorage.

163. The Captains accounts examin'd by a Committee they reported them 7th July, the Captains answer of 19th July not being clear have referr'd them to the Company and not paid him his Ballance.

164. Accounts of West Coast Settlement being examin'd found exceedings of the Supra Visors limitations in Materials for Building and clothing the Slaves, of which have wrote to them and expect their Answer, the report enter'd 22th March.

165. In the Bencoolen Letter No. 24. they press for Souldiers, have but 193 at Madrass, at St. Davids they want of Complement, at Vizagapatam but 28.

166. If have not a large supply next year shall be very bare, necessary to have 50 to 100 men constantly to recruit Subordinates and keep the Garrison in good Condition, this being of the utmost Importance begg it may be seriously consider'd.

167. The 8th March to encourage the Pepper Trade agreed to let Leases for 41 years, and for building at 21 years, and allow'd some Slaves to be sold not wanting all, with strict orders to keep the Tradesmen and the strongest for labour to garble Pepper, Lade and unlade boats &c^{a}.

168. Last year pray'd the Company would indulge the Covenant Servants trade there. 22th March Licenc'd goods value pagodas 2,489 : 21. paying 4 per cent freight as per List No. 44 in Letter Book.

169. Have given them strict orders in their Letter No. 45 on every head to which they promise due obedience. Have late news the Country is in peace, the Pepper Plantations in good order, the sugar made is good, Arrack is begun upon, have 140 Bahar Pepper in Godowns and about 200 to the Norward. Promise to send Accounts by the George soon expected. Paymasters Accounts sent the Copy in the Packet.

170. Hear have much above 500,000 new Vines planted since the Supra Visor came thence above 7,000 acres planted most by the English, expect great success in 2 or 3 years.

171. Mr. John Nangle sent to succeed Ensign dy'd in the voyage.

172. The Mony mention'd paragraph 109 to be paid Mr. Hubbard for account Lewis Deane was not stopt by Mr. Pyke but by Hubbard for Cloth paid away in Mr. Pykes time. and necessary because had not supply of Mony, most of Mr. Hubbard paid to President Deane. Mr. Deane has refunded so much can't get more, nor can they come at the Account being all Cash Entrys in the Books.

173. Are uneasy at reading paragraph 110 Captain Middleton has been long on his voyage he touch'd at Bencoolen. Mr. Ornytons Stock was but pagodas 6,000 and was forc'd to go to Batavia. Mr. Carnegie went a Factor to Bencoolen, what remittances he made were only debts recover'd not for goods. Mr. Bugden dy'd greatly in debt, he suffer'd for his frauds. Mr. Elwick was first Owner of Captain Midletons ship, what Mr. Hubbard receiv'd was on account of Captain Jedderee, and the Mony was paid into Cash, and had not forbid drawing though they should.

174. In Consultation 16th August resolv'd to desire the Bencoolen Buildings should be of Brick being near as cheap as wood, and will last longer, some must be built in 2 or 3 years which propose to be of brick.

175. Consultation 15th June referr'd to why Mr. Carnegie is continued second of the West Coast he being better skill'd in that Coasts affairs than Mr. Tempest can be, thô he may be capable and honest, and if Mr. Walsh should dye it would be for a while too difficult for his Management.

SUPPLEMENT.

Captain Aubone dy'd 19th August is succeeded by his Mate Balchen. Invoice amounts to pagodas 29,700 : 31 : 18. for St. Helena pagodas 67 : 12 : 10. Captains Register not deliver'd in. Captain Mawson has register'd pagodas 645. Comptons Diamonds pagodas 8,837 : 9. Bill drawn for £80 to Captain Harry.

RANDALL FOWKE.	JAMES MACRAE.
JAMES HUBBARD.	NATHANIEL TURNER.
GEORGE DRAKE.	RICHARD BENYON.
JOSEPH HOUGHTON.	JOHN EMMERSON.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 22, 1726. RECEIVED PER MONMOUTH JULY 16, 1726. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 470–479. (India Office Transcript).*]

1. The *James and Mary* and *Compton* sail'd 25th August, the Letters by them were 23th August, wherein wrote what occur'd to that time.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. 193 Bales brought from Ingerum the 15th September by the Speedwell, sent pagodas 6,000 on her, she return'd 5th January with Mr. Blunt and 169 Bales, 17th January 32 Bales more received per Morton.

3. 16th October receiv'd from Vizagapatam per Jane 400 Bales and per Jenny 100 Bales, sent thither the 20th ditto pag°. 10,000 and 3,000 rupees, have since receiv'd per Lynn 110 Bales which Mr. Symonds are promis'd 100 more.

4. Have receiv'd from St. Davids only 47,130. and 63 Bales, in October supply'd them with what they wrote for.

5. Monmouth return'd from the Bay the 17th, the Enfield the 18th and Lynn 28th December, each ship had 800 Bengal Bales besides Stores for Madrass, two first now dispatched the Lynn must stay.

6. Entry 1st September of what aboard the Goodfellow after the Captain's and Officer's murder, among which were a parcell of old Guns which believing belonged to the Company are brought to their Account; have paid into Cash pag°. 54 : 4 : 72. receiv'd the proportion of the gratuity to the Syrang on the 6th January.

7. 11th October enter'd the Report to whom the Nightingales salved silver was deliver'd, the Secretary order'd to recover the Salvage, those who had not silver paid it at 14 Doll. $\frac{7}{8}$ for 10 pag°. the Account enter'd the 6th January, have wrote to Bengal to the Persons there who had part, and to David Welch at Bencoolen for what he receiv'd. Messrs. Thomas Stevens and John Burdet are gone home and have left no Effects, have demanded nothing of the Danish Missionaries for their 537oz. Mrs. Farmer has paid, but hopes the Company will order it to be repaid.

8. Have advis'd the Captains Kemeys and Rigby the Companys orders about Tea, Raw Silk, and Rattans, and order'd them to keep Company and not go into the Cape.

9. Eyles, Marlbro', and Fordwich, lading in the Bay would be dispatcht in January. Lyell put up to freight for Surat.

10. Mr. Pratts Lacker'd ware comes on the Monmouth with its valuation to settle the Customs by.

11. Captain Kemeys has paid for the Spectacles wanting last voyage.

12. Have receiv'd from Bombay the Companys Letter of 2d April and Copys of several Paragraphs of the Companys Letter to that Presidency, at the same time in their Letter No. 116 they desire all Ships may apply to the Anjengo Chief for their proceedings, this seems to make them dependant, which think the Company don't design, on which have wrote that they expect their Passes shall be sufficient to protect all who take them. No English to molest them, hope the Company will approve it, or else must be subject to Bombay, and Anjengo too, those at Bombay, fond on encroaching, as shall mention under the 4th Head.

13. Surveys sent of the Guns, Powder, and Shott, on board each Ship, and always shall be.

14. Glad the Prince Frederick, London, and Prince Augustus are safe arriv'd.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

15. Desire to have no Broadcloth, or Iron, for a Season or two, what receiv'd will not sell, and if more it must rott, have besides the great Summ sent to the Bay 51 Chests of Silver, and Rupees and in Cash pag°. 153,447 : 28 : 30. and the Merchants debt, what silver is now coming will serve for the year 1727, so need send the less Manufacture.

16. Consultation 10th September shows the Cordage is good, but the Yarn, the same size for the small and great ropes.

17. Account Sales enter'd 14th January of things brought from St. Davids and of Batavia Arrack, which don't want because no general table.

18. Lead bears a good price, 63 Candys sold at 20 pag°. and since 100 at 17 pag°. a Candy, sell now in small parcells at 18 and in large at 17 pag°.

19. 1st September enter'd deficiencys in the Invoice per Fordwich wrote off to account Current London because the Captain scrupled paying.

20. When sent down all the silver to the Bay there was 100 Chests of it coin'd, they write the Loss is near 6 per cent on the Coin'd, and yet desire 40 Chests annually, suppose they call it a Loss, because send but rupees 8,000 for a Chest, which now the Charge of Coinage is reduc'd, makes rupees 8,468 of which have wrote them, and desir'd answer.

21. Have wrote to them to send up some silver they desire to be coin'd at Madrass.

22. Lists of Demands, and remains now sent.

23. Have caus'd the Windows of several Godowns to be made of rod iron, the Rats gnawing the rattans, and if the windows are shut, the Cloth mildews.

24. Account sent of Cloth, which being measur'd comes short of Invoice length.

THIRDLY TOUCHING OUR INVESTMENTS.

25. Have provided this season 1789 bales of which 713 from Vizagapatam, and 361 from Ingerum, the Merchants fine promises prov'd only words.

26. Were oblig'd to take in at St. Davids a No. 3 of the fine and middling Cloth, tho' not [o]f the Ordinary, and Cloth No. 3 between the fine and middling No. 1. and sort some fine Cloth to middling, and yet got but 351 Bales. Tomby Chittys sett complain'd of, he was call'd in, and threatned to pay the Penalty, Sunca Ramah equally guilty.

27. Have got but 42 pieces from Ingerum of fine long Cloth for Shirts.

28. Have receiv'd a Bale of half Sallempores, order'd more but none yet come from Vizagapatam.

29. A Bale of Ingerum Cloth prov'd bad on Washing return'd to Mr. Blunt. 18th October finding the fine Cloth of Ingerum too Course, and No. 3. too Ordinary, have forbid buying No. 3. and no more fine if not better.

30. Some of the Ingerum Cloth found an Inch too narrow Mr. Blunt assur'd them he refused all that did not answer in Length in proportion.

31. Have got 382 pieces Super fine Cloth from Ingerum at 65 pag°. order'd getting what more could be had, the Dutch pay for this pag°. 80 but had no Investment that year.

32. Have order'd Vizagapatam and Ingerum to be frugal in Expences, and sparing in presents, have forbid now making any or sending Peons into the Country on Investment account. Mr. Symonds and Mr. Blunt being both at the Fort shall fix the Investments the best they can.

33. Refer to representation of 2d November about the 1000 Candy Pepper bought, why the Council ought not to pay the difference between 18 and 22 pag°. a Candy, they have given Bonds to pay what the Company shall direct on considering their reasons for buying it viz. That paying but half freight it was cheaper than what got on the other Coast, that it has been scarce under 22 pag°. for many years, and sold at 23. that some bought in Mr. Harrisons time at 22 pag°. was approv'd, that it was so bought in all Mr. Collets time, that Mr. Hastings could get none so, and never disliked till now, that can find no positive order not to purchase at above 18 pag°. except in Letter 25th January 1716, where it is said the old Companys price was but 18. hope that will not be call'd positive, when the Company approv'd the buying, because of the disappointment at Bencoolen, which was the case anno 1722, for these reasons took only Bonds, will receive what the Company shall order, Mr. Elwicks Attorney engaged for his part.

34. To reduce the Washers debt have agreed to stop 15 per cent on all paid them, which is all can be done at present.

35. The Pullicat Bettellees contracted for at 120 pag°. a Corge not answering, took them in at 100 are worth it.

36. 5 pag°. per Corge abated on the Morees for Chints at 12½ for badness of paint.

37. Will do what they can to provide for a Ship from Bombay, tho' it will be difficult to provide for more Tonage, than their own.

38. French large supplys of Cash, have in part occasion'd the disappointment, and give large prices so that they have the Cloth instead of the Companys, great many of the Weavers employ'd by them, because have better prices, the Dutch have advanc'd their prices at Porto Novo, difficult to convince the Merchants to give better prices to the Weavers to make the Cloth better.

39. On dispatch of last years ships the old Contracts were cancell'd and a fine laid on the Merchants for breach of them, and oblig'd to take off the Broad Cloth, so that on making the last Contract, the Merchants were indebted at Madrass, Sunca and Ball Chitty pag°. 35,304: 34. 61. Gongaram and Tomby D°. 10,084: 35: 43. Sunca and Tomby D°. 15,310: 3: 75. at Fort St. Davids Sunca Rama etc. D°. 11,764: 35: 62. Tomby Chitty etc. D°. 2,591: 18: 62. Sadeshevarow etc. D°. 6,788: 15: 73. [E]ram Rawse etc. D°. 2,859: 35: 69. pag°. 84,705:—: 45. Breach of Contract D°. 30,000. Broad Cloth sold 62,170: 32: 53. in all pag°. 176,870: 33: 18. have more Cloth secured than will pay all the Merchants debts, most of the Broad Cloth is unsold in their Godowns, as they bring in New Cloth deliver out to them their old, which they send abroad on their Accounts, have paid about 4,000 pag°. dutys on the turn'd out Cloth, so that they have about pag°. 100,000 Value therein, if can get the Lynns lading it will be well, if not the Company shall not loose by dead freight, dare not be too rigorous lest they go off to the French.

40. Doubt not but the Cloth taken in will give content, the Merchants would not believe they should be kept close to Musters, and therefore did not advance the prices to the Weavers to make better, and so had quantities turn'd on their hands, have taken in more of No. 2. than was expected, but are near equal No. I. the Merchants now near fix'd to the sortments, the Company approve and will be in Cash on return of the Manilha ships, hope will carry on their Investments better the next year to satisfy the Company.

41. Some pieces of Longcloth and Sallempores sent, thereby to judge of the sorting, they are in the Enfields box of Books.

Fourthly concerning the Trade of India and therein any Transactions with the Country Government.

42. The Country Government everywhere in Confusion. Genims continually disturbing about Surat, are surpriz'd at a Letter lately receiv'd from Bombay, that no Goods be sold at Surat without the Chiefs knowledge, and the Supra Cargos not to stay all the year to sell the Cargos, can find no such orders of the Companys to warrant them, had something like it relating to Gombroon in Mr. Bourchiers affair, hope shall not be oblig'd to sell by the Chief, it is certain the lodging the Goods in the Factory and to sell, the Chief present at each Contract, has caus'd the Chief to buy all his own rates, his Servants being the only Buyers, and have been sold the next day to the Merchants at great advance, so threaten to turn out the Chiefs, will be no reparation or punishment because of the length of time to remedy it, and they will complain of the English peoples misdemeanours when themselves are to blame, as they did about Mr. Bourchier, not likely to get reparation if do complain to Bombay, the troubles in Persia hinder'd trading thither but the Chiefs executions more, therefore their ships order'd to Bussorah, are willing to pay Consulage at Bussorah, where the Supra Cargos will not be under the Chiefs control, business at present best done at Mocha. the Supra Cargos apply'd to the Government by the Chiefs, and generally deal with him thô can find other Merchants, but he acts fairly, thus it will always be

when the Supra Cargos are at liberty, and no hardships impos'd on them, affair of Surat will appear in Letter No. 124 and No. 113. sent, beg leave to recapitulate because the Trade from the Coast and Bay thither is so plainly struck at.

43. The Bombay demands have no ground, even in the instance they give of the Companys orders to send home Mr. Wyche, because the English spirit up the Moors against the Companys Interest, this certainly must intend those settled at Surat, not Supra Cargos if forc'd to stay only to sell their goods after the ships are gone from the Barr, yet Bombay says none shall stay after their ships departure, if they do, shall send them home to England.

44. The reason Bombay alledges is that Mr. Mitchel staying behind and selling goods caus'd a dispute with the Government, because he did not regard the Factory rules, and would not consult the Chief, therefore no other shall stay at Surat, nor Contract made without a first notice to the Chief, this was never order'd before, only the Broker should be employ'd and have one per cent, and he was employ'd by Mr. Mitchel, and for this the Government opprest the Broker, the other cause was Mr. Mitchels selling Ophium return'd after two days keeping as not Merchantable, it would have been the same if sold the first day of Mr. Mitchels arrival.

45. Beg leave to add the ill consequences that will attend the orders if confirm'd.

46. No business can be done at Surat without secrecy, Cargos often sold before brought ashore, and the bargains would be lost if known, if Chiefs have the management he may forest all the markets, and sell his own first, when he has the same kind of goods and the worst of the market fall to them, and the Chief will always be preferr'd by the Merchant.

47. If must leave their goods in a Chiefs hand, can expect to sell none in March or April, so that must quit the trade or consign to the Chief, who will not use them the better when are forced to do it.

48. Thought had paid the Governour of Bombay a sufficient complement in allowing him Consulage, which they willingly paid, because were at first well treated, but of late have fresh hardships every season.

49. Hope the Company will not confirm the Bombay demands, if they do must quit the trade to Surat, which is the Storehouse of India, and as the Moors will be on a better footing, the Customs will soon sink, for the returns of trade from the Eastward are in goods proper for Surat.

50. 27th September had in Consultation the account of French ships ladings for Europe, and the Mallabar Coast, of which advis'd Mr. Adams early. French resettled at Mihie with Loss of some men and 4 or 5 best Officers, on this they act very barbarously, hope it will provoke the Natives to force them away.

51. Governour of Pondicherry advis'd Mr. Pitt of a South Sea ship of 550 tons turn'd pirate, fear she may come to India, hope they are destroy'd for hear nothing of them.

52. The Banksauls for Grain kept under the Walls of the Fort lately took fire and threaten'd the Town, no more shall be made there what left were taken down.

53. Have advis'd what happen'd in the suit between Goodah Ancona and Sunca Ramah &c^{a}. since that on hearing the case have reversed the Judgment in the Mayors Court, as per Consultation entrys at large the 4th October.

54. 15th December receiv'd a Complaint from the Mayors Court of a Contempt offer'd them by Mrs. Horden, Mr. Drake and Croke, refusing to take an oath tender'd for discovering some of Mr. Hordens effects to pay what due to Anconah, most of it on bonds wrote by Mr. Horden, said three persons disputed the Courts Authority, the Court apply'd therefore to the Council, Mrs. Horden paying into Court the debt, no more notice was taken of it, but to assure the Court would support their just Authority, and they had power to right themselves.

55. Have had counterfeit pag^{o}. imitating those of Negapatam brought into Town, have taken care as per Consultation 27th September, 4th and 18th October which hope have clear'd them, and prevent more coming.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS, AND REVENUES.

56. Seconds lodgings at St. Davids fallen down must be rebuilt. Codolore Factory order'd to be repair'd it would cost per Estimate pag°. 20. have by a storm had more damage it will cost pag°. 1,019 : 9. to repair, the List of damages enter'd in Letter 118 receiv'd.

57. 4th October order'd repairs to the Garden House, great part of the Wall fallen down.

58. 11th October the Centry Boxes order'd to be mended and Gunnys to be got for the Guards, and to make two New Cisterns for the Guard house for Water for the Men.

59. 29th October enter'd account of repairs necessary for the Garrison, amounting to pag°. 571 : 34. will be immediately set about.

60. These are the Accounts of Alterations since their last touching Buildings and Repairs.

61. Have advis'd an Officer was appointed to inspect Goods before shipt off, since which the President propos'd to collect 5 per cent at the Choultry instead of 2½ on all goods not made purely for the Consumption of the Town, and unfit for exportation, this duty commenc'd 1st October and the Cloth has a New Chop, this will lessen the Sea Custom, but increase the Land more, by goods consum'd instead of sortments exported, the Officers to see all goods exported have the proper Chop, this will prevent running goods at the Choultry.

62. The servants wages at the Choultry reduced pag°. 6 : 35. a Month as per Particulars enter'd 4th October.

63. 27th December Rental General deliver'd in his Account Currant the debts less than usual, the New Roll ending August 1725 is pag°. 3,371 : 7.

64. Hendrick Johnson has a lease of an Inclosure on the Island for keeping Timbers now not used, he is to pay pag°. 260. fine and three pag°. a year quit rent for 51 years to renew for 51 years paying pag°. 50 fine and same rent.

65. Have taken off the dutys at St. Davids on blue Cloth exported to Pondicherry, and Porto Novo, it was before to other places, the French did not last year make their Investments in the Companys bounds by which lost all the Land Custom, as per Consultation 27th September.

66. St. Davids Letter No. 117. says the Arrack Farmers were weary of their Cowle and No. 121. that they had left the place, their Securitys will pay what they owe, have let it to Poncala Kistna at the same rate for five years.

67. Shall begin to draw Toddy from some of the Trees in the hedge, to make an Estimate of the Value, if any bidders next year to rent part of it.

68. 14th January is enter'd a Report of the Expences and Revenues of Madrass and its Subordinates, Revenue of Madrass a little decreased but more advanc'd at St. Davids, non Arrival of the Pegu &c^{a}. ships the cause of their fall, the Expences will be much less next year.

69. Thô the Merchants paid a large Sum for Customs on Cloth imported, yet what is taken in on Companys account is repaid.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

70. Mr. Pitt came up from St. Davids 30th August on the Affair of the Enquiry and return'd 3d November when he and Mr. Higginson examin'd matters there, they will advise what done therein and reply to the letter 2d February about it, Mr. Higginson came up 9th January.

71. Mr. Graham Secretary at St. Davids come up for a few days, return'd with the Deputy Governour.

72. The Board agreeing to examine the next meeting the Charge against Mr. Drake, he chose rather to petition to lay down, has leave to stay a year to gather

in his Effects and settle Accounts, Mr. Houghton took charge of the Stores, the Account of remains will be soon sign'd, that of the Warehouses was the 29th October. Mr. Higginson succeeds Rentall Generall.

73. Mr. Augustus Burton made Second of St. Davids, Mr. Berrymans Third.

74. 27th September Mr. English made Sub-Accountant in Mr. Woolleys room who dyed 25th much in debt intestate, the Paymaster &c^{a}. to take charge of his Effects.

75. The remaining Madeira wine sold at 75 pag^{o}. a Pipe to Mr. Woolley but not paid for, this affair determin'd at Mr. Benyons desire as per Consultation 29th October. Mr. Woolleys Effects will hardly pay a fourth of his debts.

76. Mr. Francis Fleetwood dy'd 24th November in debt, Mr. Croke to take care of his Effects.

77. Sargeant John Williams made Ensign at St. Davids has a good Character.

78. Major Roach order'd to secure Mr. Summers debt out of the 1st Money he receives of Mr. Draper being his Attorney.

79. Mr. Wendry refused to Arbitrate the Accounts relating to President Hastings as per Consultation 2d November, on which the President and Mr. Pitt, Joint Attorneys of Mr. John Hastings, desir'd Copys of Consultations and Certificates of common used, which was agreed to.

80. Mr. Robert Symonds taken into Council on Mr. Drakes laying down, will go Vizagapatam to look after the Investment.

81. Messrs. Benyon and Monroe go home on the Monmouth.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

82. Henry Cockrams Estate Dollars 319 : 2. paid into Cash by Mr. Walsh on the West Coast.

83. General Accounts and others sent as per List.

84. Have drawn Bills payable at two Months and eight shillings a pag^{o}. for £85 : 6 : 11½ to Duncan Monroe, for £318 : 9 : 9¼ to Bennet Martin, for £401 : 5 : 9¾ to Duncan Monroe, for £758 : 5 : 7 to Ditto, for £110 : to John or Richard Hodgson, for £170 : to Mrs. Grace Orrill, for £121 : 2 : ¾ to Isaac Franks, for £4,000. to Richard Benyon, for £200. to John Raworth, for £320. to Dr. John Landen &c^{a}. for £160. to George Sitwell, for £40. to Thomas Wright.

85. Monmouths Invoice pag^{o}. 153,760 : 31 : 46. Enfields D^{o}. pag^{o}. 127,386 : 15 : 17. Diamonds per Monmouth pago^{o}. 58,808 : 2 : 55. per Enfield 28,577 : 20 : 17. Captain Kemeys register Rupees 6,365 and pag^{o}. 246. Captain Rigbys Register rupees 10,225.

P.S.—Bill drawn payable to Captain Joshua Draper for £224 : 16.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 18, 1726. RECEIVED PER LYNN AUGUST 8, 1726.
[*Coast & Bay Absracts, vol. 2, pp. 489–491 (India Office Transcript).*]

1. The Monmouth and Enfield sail'd 23th January by them &c^{a}. wrote at large.

2. Sloop Rama arriv'd 24th January. Sloop Frances 1st February, did advise great quantitys Broadcloth were unsold in the Merchants Godowns, but going to take an Account found only Pag^{s}. 15,513. value, rest carry'd away, this secur'd, when the Lynn is dispatcht shall take account of what turn'd out Cloth is in the Warehouse-keepers possession, and state and secure the Merchants debts.

3. 14 Bales of Longcloth sent L.C.ME. No. 1.2. at 38 and 36 Pag^{s}. a Corge bought of Private People, rather better than what have of the Merchants.

4. And 9 Bales Longcloth Blue bought at 38 Pag^{s}. a Corge dyed, well worth the Money, and 3 Bales of Longcloth Fine Blue in quarter Pieces at 50 Pag^{s}. a Corge, if liked will get more of them, though but little is procurable.

5. Some Izarees fine order'd but did not mention the Price, 160 ps. sent No. 1. at 40 Pag^{s}. a Corge, No. 2. at 36, desire the Companys opinion of them.

6. Have sorted some of the turn'd out Cloth to No. 3. at 28 Pag^{s}. a Corge, Suppose the dropping No. 3. in the Investments was because of the Cloths badness, hope the Company will approve of this, for it is well sorted and lessens the Merchants debt, for else will be put under difficulties.

7. Have not as yet resolved by reason of their present hurry about the Merchants breach of the last Contract or making a new one, do expect large supplys from the Norward and St Davids this Season and from Madrass.

8. To save the freight of goods from Vizagapatam have wrote to the Bay to know whether can wash Coast Cloth, and to dispatch a ship early to take in goods at Vizagapatam to be washt at Madrass, for they can't wash well at Vizagapatam.

9. No late alterations in the Countrey Government, the President receiv'd a horse and Serpaw from the Nabob, will be frugal in return.

10. Sundry necessary repairs to the Garrison and other little Expences as per Consultation 16th January.

11. All Coast Goods imported from the sea order'd to be Chopt to prevent their running in by Land.

12 Mr. Wm. Farquharson Surgeon of St. Davids dead, Mr. Tripland succeeds.

13. Mr. James Forman Gunner there dead, George Sanders will succeed.

14. Have drawn Bills on the Company at 8^{s}. a Pag^{a}. for £100. payable to R. Higginson, for £1,067 : 19 : 3. to Geo : Sitwell, for £38 : 14 : 9. to Thomas Wright, for £1,400 to John Highley, for £2000 to Richard Benyon.

15. Lynns Invoice pago^{s}. 141,159 : 4 : 61. Captains Register Pag^{s}. 1,852. Ditto of Dyamonds Pag^{s}. 1,539. nothing sent to St. Helena because they did from the Bay.

16. Bill drawn for £340, Payable to Alexander Brown.

JAMES HUBBARD.	JAMES MACRAE.
JOSEPH HOUGHTON.	NATH^{L}. TURNER.
RICH. HIGGINSON.	JOHN EMMERSON.
ROB^{T}. SYMONDS.	RANDALL FOWKE.

P.S.—And for £106 : 7 : 8 to Arthur Beavis Esq.
35 Bales Longcloth Ord^{RY} No. 3. on the Lynn value pag^{s}. 1562 : 30 : 40 and more 39 Bales from St. Davids value pag^{s}. 2,254 : 30.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 26, 1727. RECEIVED PER LYELL AUGUST 19, 1727. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 498–520. (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Duplicate sent of their last of the 18th February 1725–6 per Lynn, have heard no news of her &c^{a}. since.

2. Companys Letter received of 12th February, 1724, by the Grantham via Bencoolen, and those of 1st December 7th January and 24th February 1725 by the Ships arriv'd, with Copy of the West Coast Letter by the Carnarvon thither are now to answer all.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

3. Grantham from West Coast arriv'd the 7th Aprill, from 18th November to 31st December had no Pepper aboard 22th June return'd her with 300 Bales towards her lading, Mr. Torriano sent Supravisor on her, Goods and Stores sent on her also of which shall advise further.

4. Devonshire on freight from Bombay arriv'd the 6th May for Bengal, sail'd the 5th June, departed from Bengal 6th 8ber and carry'd 20 Chests Treasure for Bombay.

5. Lyell let on freight to Surat return'd 25th May, sail'd 17th June for Bengall, 16th December came back with 1300 Baggs Petre & 850 Bales Goods.

6. The Mary from Madeira imported 5th June, sail'd for Bengal the 5th July with 20 Chests Silver and 20 of rupees, return'd 4th instant with 1500 Baggs Petre, 850 Bales and 206 from Vizagapatam and on her Mr. Symonds.

7. Middlesex imported 19th June with the King George the First, sail'd 23th for Bengall, return'd 16th December with 700 Baggs Petre and 850 Bales, King George sail'd for Bengal 14th July with 27 Chests Silver and 13 of Rupees.

8. The Craggs arriv'd the 26th June, left the Eyles &c^{a}. at the Cape the 27th Aprill.

9. She sail'd to Bengal 25th July with 20 Chests Silver and 20 of Rupees. Dawson arriv'd and sail'd for the Bay the 5th July, the Sarum touched at the Cape imported 30th June, sail'd for Bengall 11th July.

10. The Derby imported 9th July, sail'd to the Bay 17th August with 20 Chests Rupees.

11. Essex arriv'd 12th July, went to Vizagapatam and Bengal 8th August with 20 Chests Rupees for the Bay, 5,000 Pagodas for Vizagapatam 2 Chests Rupees and 11 Chests Copper Dubbs to carry on the Investment, She return'd from the Bay the 1st instant with 650 Bales and 200 from Vizagapatam brown, had requested Bengal to order 2 ships to call in there for goods, by which sav'd the freight of 406 Bales.

12. The Barrington from Bombay imported 8th September, arrived Bengal 1st October, have supply'd the Bay largely with Stock.

13. The Sarum design'd on freight for the Bay, four ships design'd thence for England, doubt to get goods for the Barrington.

14. Princess Amelia arriv'd Bombay 28th August and all the Mocha Factory return'd would dispatch her in few days for England.

15. Company congratulated on the Advice of Arrival of their ships.

16. The Compton sail'd 26th August 1725 with James and Mary, the Greenwich dispatch'd 12th September, Duke of York 28th August.

17. Stanhope arriv'd Anjengo 30th November, have receiv'd a Letter from Secretary Burchett of the Rec^{ts}. of the Pyrates Tryals which was approv'd.

18. Are advis'd the Townshend was got to Canton.

19. All the Companys ships arriv'd, have no news of the Carnarvon.

20. Can't yet understand whether the Barrington will be laden or sent on freight.

21. Mocha Factory withdrawn before the Amelia was dispatcht, suppose they will give the reasons.

22. President and Mr. Pitt will advise what has occurr'd about the Ostenders.

23. List of ships importing and exporting Madras sent No. 24.

24. Shall advise under next head what Petre supply'd the ships and why. Surgeons Receipts for Head Money sent in Packet, have receiv'd 8 of the Sarums Souldiers design'd for the Bay wanting more Supplys than sent.

25. Thankfull for the Companys concern for their Loss of ships, all their Losses affect the Companys Revenues.

26. By the Sarum receiv'd from Mr. White at the Cape Account Currant of Nightingales wreck'd Stores, pag^{s}. 84: 2 fa: paid into Cash the Ballance and therewith Account Sales 18 Chests Liquors and Account charges No. 44. 45 five Anchors the Sarum carry'd to Bengal, the Craggs had 8 of the 17 then at the Cape, have no Account of the 2 Chests and Box of Medicines, expect the other 4 Anchors by another ship.

27. Have bought a Vessel for the West Coast as per Consultation 5th October, dispatcht thither the 15th with Factors and 10 Soldiers.

28. Can't give a just account of the Owners of ships arriv'd employ'd in Country Trade, the Account being so imperfect and erroneous but will do the best they can.

29. Have a supply of petre to last several years, great part sent not demanded, which must lye as dead Stock, therefore gave each ship consign'd to them their Charterparty Proportion of it and red wood before sent them to the Bay, as per Consultation 24th March and Letter 2d Aprill No. 14.

30. Although had wrote to the Bay, want from them only 50 Jars Oyl in the year, yet they sent on the Lyel 1300 Baggs Petre, on the Middlesex 700 and on the Mary 1500 pretending were order'd to send sufficient as per their Letter No. 75 and the Answer No. 77 sent, thô had before wrote 2d April of being over loaded with Gunnys and Petre and their letter 19 Aprill in Answer promises would send no more.

31. Barrier who lost the Metchlepatam has no Effects that can hear of to make any Reparation, if can catch him will punish him. The Master of the young Derby return'd to England from the Bay and accounted for the Imbezzlement he was charged with.

32. They have no concern in freight voyage from Bengall, the French intend a ship for Bussorah and another for Mocha part on freight and two Moors ships under their Colours for Surat from the Bay.

33. Sorry for the reason to complain of the Investments, the last and this years Cargos will show they have done better, have endeavour'd to get good Cloth and all they could of it.

34 Sarum and Craggs separated before and after their being at the Cape, have heard of no Pyrates lately.

35. Have supply'd Bengal as fast as they could with Bullion and Rupees. The Sarum is freighted for Surat, thought had supply'd Bengall fully having sent them 160 Chests, of which 40 to be sent to Bombay, they yet request more, The Money laid out in an Overstock of Petre would have been better laid out in other Goods, their demand of Money came too late to be hazarded at present on a small vessell and they had no other Conveyance.

36. Had determin'd to send 40 Chests in Rupees early next year for them to begin their Invèstment, 20 of them now coyning, will leave themselves but 9½ Chests, the Coast bare of silver for want of supplys from Manilha, besides the 160 Chests now sent to the Bay the year before sent 120 and their 9½ Chests will be soon demanded.

37. Persia as bad embroyl'd as ever, the Wine Country quite ravaged, so can expect no Vintage some years, want a yearly Supply of Madeira Wine which will turn to good account, Account of sale of what receiv'd per Mary enter'd 26th August, Hambrô staves and iron hoops has caused less leakage than used to be, 8 of the 100 Pipes leaked out, with greater Care might have been less.

38. Care is taken in sending off the Bales to see them secur'd by Tarpawlins, sorry for the Complaints on this head, will take care to prevent future damage.

39. The Captains now complain of the Bay Tonage as worse than theirs, have and shall endeavour to repart their Course and fine Goods equally.

40. The 4th March receiv'd from St. Davids 33 Bales per Frances Sloop.

41. Mr. Blunt went to Ingeram with 9000 Pagodas and 1000 Pagodas value in Rupees.

42. Sent to Vizagapatam 5000 Pagodas and a Chest Rupees for the Investment there.

43. The 23 D°. Charles Sloop brought Petre and Gunnys from the Bay.

44. Mr. Symonds went on the Jane to Vizagapatam 11th Aprill, with 12,000 Pagodas and 40,000 Rupees and Stores &c^{a}. wanted, the Gunpowder sent on the Jane, Mr. Ph : Tullie return'd on her to Vizagapatam.

45. 27th Sloop Ramah brought 19 Bales from St. Davids carrying thither Stores &c^{a}.

46. She return'd with 66 Bales and 18th August with 56 Bales more.

47. Brigantine George return'd from the West Coast much out of Repair the 13th August, have sent her to Pegu with order to the Resident to see all well and frugally done, with 2500 oz. Silver to defray Charges and purchase Timber for the Company as per Consultation 15th August and 6th September and letter sent No. 64.

48. 26th September receiv'd 118 Bales from Ingeram on the Speedwell, 3d October return'd her with 10,000 Pagodas and 10 Chests Copper Dubs and some Broadcloth for Vizagapatam as per Consultation 29th September.

49. 29th September receiv'd 290 Bales from Vizagapatam.

50. 5 October agreed in Consultation to buy the Marlbrough for the West with Covenant Servants and 10 Soldiers, Mr. Goddard sent Factor to assist in writing work.

51. By Bales receiv'd from St. Davids 6th October and 80 more the 11th instant.

52. The Captains Small, Somers, Pelly and Holden told of the Companys orders about Rattans, Tea, and Rawsilk, and have given under their hands they had the 1 per cent for St. Helena.

53. Have order'd the Guns, Powder and Shot to be survey'd on each ship and find they had them as per Survey No. 18, Muster Rolls of the Men sent.

54. Separate Bills of Lading will shew what Petre has been requested and granted, as per Consultation 19th December and 9th January without which could not have dispatcht them.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT FROM EUROPE OR FROM ONE PART OF INDIA TO BE DISPOSED OF IN ANOTHER.

55 Had difficulty to prevail on the Merchants to take off the Woollen Goods as advis'd per Macclesfield, the President very earnest to get it done.

56. Though great armies were in the Decan Country yet being so far off did run great Risques in sending it, the Merchants were with difficulty prevail'd on to sign the Contract, Copy sent No. 50.

57. They were then much in debt to the Company and not safe to trust them more, therefore insisted should pay their Debt in Cloth to be brought in on Contract and pay for the Woollen Goods as receiv'd them with usual advance on Invoice, they have paid all their Debt at Madrass and St. Davids with the 30,000 and 10,000 Pagodas Penalty, near all the Woollen Goods paid for, 6th September the President dispos'd of 70 Bales Woollen Goods receiv'd last Season at the usual Advance, this made the Contract for the rest easier.

58. In October the Merchants wanted 50 or 60 Bales of the Woollen Goods last received, on this offer'd them to take the whole quantity or none knowing what difficultys they make to contract for woollen Goods and the Council concurring therein they at last agreed to the Contract and enter'd 14th October they try'd to advance on Invoice price but could not.

59. All Woollen Goods now sold or contracted for at the usual Advance and the Merchants Debts all paid, had great difficulty to get in the Debts the Merchants were suffer'd to owe, forced to take measures with Sunca Rama and Tombe Chitty to make them pay the Ballance of a former years Account at St. Davids, like difficulty has been at St. Davids.

60. List of Woollen Goods demanded for 1728 sent, if the Court have forbore sending for a year as they desir'd and Demand continues, hope to raise the Advance on them again try'd it this year but in vain they would not advance when must pay ready Money.

61. Have had no Demand from the Bay for Woollen Goods nor do they sell better there than at Madrass.

62. Looking Glasses so subject to Damage and yield so little Profit have wrote only for two dozen.

63. Have receiv'd what sent out on the Ships, 12th July allow'd Pagodas 24 :—: 57. to be wrote off for Goods damaged and wanting per Mary and King George, 20th D°. wrote off Pagodas 12 : 34 : 40. allow'd on the Goods per Craggs, the loss being by ordinary Accidents.

64. 8 Piggs of the Essex's Lead lost coming ashore, allow'd to be wrote off.

65. 12th July order'd the 8 large Anchors brought in the Craggs from the Cape and the 9 from England to be carry'd to Bengall where more wanted.

66. The Medium and Post Paper receiv'd last Season very bad and forced to supply with what sent for sale, Musters sent the Complaint is general, the Books and Papers sent will prove it, Pounce will not make the Paper bear, nor keep it from running. Wax and Quills also very bad.

67. Two Covenant Servants see to the weighing all China Goods. Loss of weight must be from the China Dotchin and is always experienced to be so.

68. Have no Complaint of the Cordage receiv'd this year, New England Tar depretiates it, the other Tar made with much better, will demand no more than can be dispos'd of in the year knowing it will damage.

69. Account enter'd 23d May of what wrote off for Stores broke damage and Loss in weight, being Pagodas 342 : 14 : 37. the whole was examin'd and found to arise from unavoidable Accidents.

70. Little profit to be made on Tootenague at Madrass or Bengal, no Encouragement to send a ship from China thither. The Dutch import largely every year and the Bay Gentlemen the same of late. Trade in Metals to the Bay almost at an end, the Customs feel the Loss of the want of it, a Ship from Maccao carry'd her Tootenague back because could not sell to Profit.

71. Will follow the directions about the Storekeepers Account of Remains, the Weight of Grapnels and Anchors mention'd.

72. 23th May settled the price for selling Guns, have still large Remains.

73. Have great Reason to complain of badness of Trade the Bay and free Merchants have it there, no Encouragement to settle at Madrass, will follow Orders if any come not having the Companys leave.

74. Refer to Consultations 30th June 21st July and 3d August to show have been exact in preventing unlicenc'd Silver and Coral, Morcom's Silver return'd on Captain Houghton's giving Bond to answer it to the Company, he pleaded Ignorance, Copy of the Bond sent No. other Parcels seized belong'd to Covenant Servants they pretended Vouchers and that had been licenct thô not enter'd in the Manifest for which, desire the Company's Orders on all, Governour thankful for the ¼ allow'd him.

75. They are Strangers to the Instance of a Suit commenc'd about a Perquisite, will never imitate the like.

76. As to the Chest of Coral mention'd in Paragraphs 19 to 23 refer to Consultation 20th June and the Committees Report of the 20th Instant, to show did what they could to discover it, and it will be more difficult now. The Sea Gate Conicoplys dead, Bernals Conicoplys remov'd, Somadree made Oath in the most solemn

Manner, can't think he would Venture on what would ruin him if discover'd, It was not to be sold by Mr. Haistings only consign'd, his Conocoplys have no Charge of any but what he is to sell invest and have commission on and sometimes not of that, most likely the Coral was carry'd off from the landing Place, was never lodged with the Customer enter'd or paid Custom, have search'd the books, examin'd several and made all possible Enquiry, might on Enquiry have been discover'd at first fear now its too late, though will continue to endeavour to find it out, have offer'd a reward, the Customhouse now under so good regulation can't practice the like, Accounts of all Imports and Exports exact and the President promises to keep them so and to punish all frauds.

77. By the Silver sent and dispatch of the ships to the Bay will appear have obey'd the Company's Orders to forward the Investment there.

78. Some Greeks and Armenians having landed Broad Cloth out of their Ship from Mocha, on Complaint in Consultation 17th September order'd it to be reshipt and order'd the Prohibitions then settled to be made public and Copys sent to all the Settlements to be observed.

79. Silver by the Ships sold well great part of the Coral unsold. The French brought out a large quantity which has prejudiced its sale.

THIRDLY TOUCHING OUR INVESTMENTS OF GOODS FOR EUROPE.

80. Have done their utmost to comply with the Orders of Investments at each Settlement, the Goods sent are equal to the Musters but could not keep up to the Proportions, the European demands are so encreas'd, the Dutch and French take in worse and pay more, can't have the Merchants so much in their Power, who pay more for the Goods than formerly.

81. Hope last and this year's Cargos will be approv'd, the President, Deputy Governour and Councils have done their best, they found great Perplexity at first, hope all now will become regular, sorry the Predecessors gave such cause for being prosecuted.

82. 9th January consider'd in Consultation Paragraphs 33 and 34 order'd a representation to be laid before them and the St. Davids Answers to the Company's Letters, Copy of it sent No. 85. now refer'd to, the Matter is truly stated and to their Letter No. 59. about their Musters, pieces of them now sent.

83. Have for two years fully supply'd Vizagapatam and Ingeram, have receiv'd from Vizagapatam 696 Bales this year, 100 more expected next Month, Cotton scarce there and great rains hinder'd, have receiv'd from Ingeram 118 Bales, 160 more expected.

84. In March last resolv'd to unite those two Settlements hoping to keep up the Fabrick and enlarge the Investment, Mr. Blunt to succeed Mr. Symonds, order'd to coyn 5 Chests into Rupees, halves and Quarters and Madrass Pagodas for them also and fully supply'd them therewith and Copper Dubbs necessary there.

85. Were oblig'd to exceed in Goods No. 2, in which are what equal to No. 1. and hope will sell as well, the Sorters so apprehensive of being sued that they have turn'd out what on Review has been taken in again for No. 2. and other Pieces for No. 3. worth the Price.

86. The St. Davids Sorters unable to make any Reparation being so poor.

87. Can't find the uniting the two Sets of Merchants was beneficial they did emulate one another which might have been made advantagious, if could find it beneficial to the Company would try to separate them, did at last engage them to contract for an Investment at Madrass but they refus'd for St. Davids, had great difficulty to get them take the Woollen Goods and contract for 2,000 Bales the 3d March as per Copy of it, No. 50, they would soon make contracts if had prospect of Gain.

88. 9th May sold 46 Chests Silver at 14½ Dollars for 10 Pag^{s}., 4th July it fell to 14⅜ Dollars 25 Chests sold the Owners of the Decker for China at 15 Dollars the French not bringing what expected and Bengall being so largely supply'd, Silver is now scarce and will rise higher.

89. Invoice of two French ships cargos dispatcht in August sent No. 47. and of another dispatcht in September, hope per next to send those of the two dispatcht in January the 11th, hope to do the same in future.

90. Have stopt what they could of the Washers Debt, they yet owe Pagodas 3,357:-:74, will do what they can for getting it in, but that must be as the Cloth is washt, difficult to keep enough in the Bounds to do the Work, especially if enlarged, the full Wages will but just subsist them and they who did not contract the Debt should not be made to discharge it, this has made several remove, others may during the stoppage on their wages.

91. 206 pieces fine Ingeram Long Cloth settled on a new Muster sent on the Essex.

92. Have try'd to wash Cloth at Vizagapatam by Madrass Washers, 180 Bales well done but the Congying does not take so well in that Air as in this, propose to wash them there and beat and congy them at Madrass, have forbid overcongying at Vizagapatam which is now observ'd.

93. Have given orders to prevent mistakes in the Invoices in future, the Bay often guilty of this fault, as last year in the Sooseys per Enfield which is now rectifyed.

94. The Orders in Paragraphs 44, 45, 46 obey'd on Receipt of them, which reperused 11th August, the Morees made of Lengths and breadths order'd, Orders about the Blew Cloth observ'd, have improv'd the dye at St. Davids that it is preserv'd to Porto Novo, Chints part small part large flowers and newest patterns, wish had new Patterns from England.

95. Try'd the Merchants about Madrapauk Bettellees, Sallampores, they brought Musters but too dear and not worth the Price those sent cost, difficult to get Goods cheap as formerly, the Consumption of Cloth in the Maritime Parts so much encreased and the Demands from Europe more than formerly.

96. The Bettellees the best they could get and hope will be approv'd Musters of the 40 and 50 Covid sorts sent in the Packet, could not procure any Pollicat or Madrapauk Bettellees they being out of Demand, have had Musters made at St. Davids in Imitation of Cambricks as per several Consultations and Letters receiv'd and sent referr'd to, 7th November approv'd of a Muster receiv'd, expect them before dispatch of the Mary.

97. The President has another Muster made very fine of a wiry stiff thread, of which shall agree for a quantity and try to provide Madrapauk and Pollicat Bettellees, if possible to retrieve the reputation of Muslins.

98. The old St. Davids Merchants would make no Contract without the Penalty was forgiven, Mr. Pitt has engaged Sha Permaul to contract for 1,000 Bales as per Letter of 22th March, the 24th Ditto approv'd the Contract Conditions as to penalty, agreed the Sallempores should be no broader than those of Madrass if made up in goodness, and would consider of the Muster of fine Cloth when it came which is not yet.

99. The Merchant demanded to send back Custom free what Cloth would not be taken in which they could not agree to, refer to Letters of 3d and 10th Aprill for particulars and Consultation 9th May, have receiv'd 384 Bales of the Contract no Likelihood of his compleating it as by the St. Davids letter of 15th January.

100. Mr. Holcomb recall'd from Metchlepatam, Mr. Saunderson sent Resident thither to have his Salary and Dyet Money, 9th May settled the annual Expence at Pagodas 221:8.

101. Mr. Sanderson sending Musters of several Goods, 18th of August approv'd of Longcloth fine No. 2 and 3 of Ordinary d°. No. 1 of Sallempores fine No. 1 and 2 and of Ordinary D°. No. 1 for a 2, sending him 2000 Pagodas. 23th September receiv'd the Contract for 3000 Pagodas, Translate enter'd 25th October, have promis'd him seasonable Supplys for an Investment, expect some Bales from him dayly.

102. Mr. Turner has leave to send on the Lyell and Middlesex 19 Chests Garnets and Erapiet di David 4 more, are to pay Freight for them.

FOURTHLY CONCERNING THE TRADE OF INDIA AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

103. Shall advise about the French under a separate head, Tellicherry had no reason to complain of them whatever they had before, as per Paragraph 74 of the James and Mary's letter will appear.

104. Deccan Countrey has been quiet of late, On Sadatulla Cauns going to Chicklish Caun, he return'd towards Gulcondah though had march'd his Army on this side the river Kistna.

105. The Countrys prejudiced thereby, though King of Misore paid great sums to compound the War, Abdul Naby Tyer Caun and Sadatully Cawn forced to pay much for arrears of Tribute and keeping their Places, which made them extort Moneys from all the Trading People under them, those who provided Cloth for the Europeans forced to abscond and conceal their Effects which hinder'd the Investment and made it chargeable, for the Merchants must present the Governours.

106. Chicklish Caun is now absolute none able to contend with him since Hyder Cooley Cawns death.

107. Chicklish Cawn is Grand Vizier his son officiates for him, his Army able to dethrone the Mogul but says he never will, shall know in time what he aims at.

108. The Geenims have so ravag'd the Country round Surat there is but little trade, great part of last years Cargos unsold there, it is reported they were to be paid Money yearly to cease Hostilitys.

109. Thô all has been in Confusion to the Norward, Mr. Symonds has carry'd on the Investment, without more Expence than the usual Values which was pleasing to them.

110. Thankful for the Encouragement in Paragraph 51 to the Company's servants, this encourages their utmost Endeavours, will give all free Liberty of Trade as order'd and restrain such as would prove detrimental.

111. Complaint of too many Country English ships in India built by English Shipwrights at Pegu, have wrote to Captain Berriman there Resident to let no more be built without Leave from Madrass as per letter sent No. 104, some built there one for Armenians carry'd Tin &c^{a}. to Mocha to the hurt of the Companys Revenues, 2 for Gentues carry'd their Goods to Ganjam, which else would have come to Madrass.

112. The Gentlemen in the Bay agree with them as in their Letter 3d December No. 86 and to forbid building more ships, which hope the Company will approve.

113. Can't deny the right of building ships at Pegu, but the English there being under the orders of Madrass, it is necessary to have them before any more are built.

114. Madrass has built more ships there than the Bay, but they have no other Place, Bengall has Docks and more ships.

115. Madrass had more Trade to Pegu than the Bay which raised the Customs, but now the Bay trade is as great to all parts to the Eastward, the decrease in Customs shows it, Madrass Customs are 5 per cent on Export and 5 per cent on the Returns and 2 per cent to the Bay, at the Bay the Custom is 2 per cent, so the Company loose 10 per cent on what imported in the Bay that used to be at Madrass.

116. The Manilha trade has lessen'd much of late, difficult to send one ship to keep it up, the French have supply'd the Spanish Indies so much that less Plate comes from Aquapulca to Manilha, a ship sent yearly thither from the Bay another from the Mallabar Coast and the French send one.

117. The China Trade much declin'd, the French send a ship yearly, 2 ships were there two years ago from the Bay one from Bombay and a Moors ship from Surat, all made loosing voyages, the Madrass ships Goods part unsold at Surat expect to loose 10 per cent, have however sent one ship this year to China.

118. Tonqueen Government so arbitrary can't trade thither.

119. Have sent a ship to Siam but as one is gone from the Bay and one from Bombay expect little Profit.

120. Are concern'd in a ship to Mocha and one to Bussorah and have one small one to Surat which is all the trade they have at present, used to have a share in a ship from the Bay to Surat but this year have not, expect her up a Coaster with Paddy, Bengal has all the trade to Juddah and Gombroon.

121. The Bengallers offer them a share in some Voyages but on very unequal terms, they will advance 20 to 25 per cent on the Goods but Madrass must bear equal Charges and Risco.

122. The Consultation 21th July will show why deliver the Nabob 8 Bales of Bengal Goods he had long claim'd, this has preserv'd the good Understanding with him.

FIFTHLY CONCERNING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS, AND REVENUES.

123. Have in pursuance of the leave granted resolved to rebuild the Silver Mint and caused an Estimate to be made what it cost and how shou'd be done, the cost will be about 1500 Pagodas the Report enter'd 15th August, it is begun and will be frugally and durable done.

124. Will soon survey the Powderhouse and cause it [to] be built more commodious and substantial.

125. Will order the East Curtain at St. Davids to be set about, Cadalore Factory has been cover'd and some Damage by a Storm at St. Davids repair'd.

126. The Garden house at St. Davids so much decay'd, caused it to be survey'd as per Consultation 6 December, judge it better to build a new one, a Plan order'd to be drawn of it with Estimate of the Charge, the Deputy Governor promises to take care the Materials be the best and the Work well and frugally perform'd.

127. Last year advis'd what reductions had made at Madrass and St. Davids, are now near what absolutely necessary.

128. The Answer from St. Davids will show the Reductions in the Charges there and why the Revenue decreas'd as per Consultation 6th December, having made but small Investments for two years many of the Inhabitants gone for want of Business and the Consumption of Goods decreasing thereby lessend the Revenues. Mr. Pitt has settled the best Manufacture of the blew Cloth now on the Coast as will be shown by what now sent.

129. Charge of all the Coast settlements reduced as per Consultation and Report 6th December, Balance of next Aprill's Books will show the Reductions plainer, last years Books show the Charges of Madrass were lessend Pagodas 3,488 : 35 : 40. and St. Davids Pagodas 5,052 : $34^{Fa.}$: $34^{Ca.}$. Vizagapatam now reduced near Pagodas 1000. Ingeram and Metchlapatam near half.

130. Several other Reductions made by the President, and Revenues improv'd by Regulations in the Customs, no Frauds at the Sea Gate or Choultry now, Tobacco and Betlefarm rais'd from 7,000 to 10,000 Pagodas, the decay of trade began before his time, this affects the Revenue, he has and will do all he can to support Trade, the Consultations will show the Regulations made.

131. The former Management at St. Davids was inexcusable, the Reduction of Charges begun by Messrs. Turner and Higginson is since carry'd on.

132. St. David's Answer to Paragraphs 54 to 57 is full, do refer thereto.

133. Will always endeavour to lessen the Charge so far as can with Safety to the Company.

134. Thô Mr. Pitt acts with Humanity yet for want of Investments many Inhabitants have deserted for want of Employment, they will follow where most Investments.

135. Rentall General's Roll more deficient this year than that complain'd of, this appearing on delivering in Mr. Houghton's Accounts of that Revenue the 6th December, resolve to take a new survey of the Bounds to prevent Deficiencys and to increase it if practicable.

136. 7th April Mr. Symonds gave in a state of the Charge and Revenues at Vizagapatam, he was order'd to reduce them and they are near Pagodas 1000 a year as per letter 49, have allow'd him to farm the Sea and Land Customs some Improvements therein.

137. 11th March Mr. Symonds allow'd to dig a Tank for washing Cloth, since that has built a washing and beating Godown all cost Pagodas 1050, the Benefit will soon appear, have this year cur'd 180 Bales and will more and better by Experience.

138. Town Conicoply Duty paid yearly into Cash and thence to the Mayors Court as order'd, can't make up the Account more than once a year.

139. Customs regularly collected can hardly commit Frauds, some Attempts made the goods seized and sold half their Value paid into Cash.

140. The President has taken care to improve the Revenues, the Consultations and Advance on them will show it, the Hedge of the Bounds at St. Davids will produce Toddy, have order'd raising a Mill to throw up water for a great Tract of ground that now is unprofitable for want of it, which will cost three to 400 Pagodas and shall dig a proper Receiver at a moderate Expence, as per St. Davids Answer will show.

141. Thô the Beetle and Tobacco Farm is rais'd Pagodas 3000 the Farmers shall not exact on the Poor, none complain as yet.

142. Nairo Veronas debt of Pagodas 1513 : 24 : 26. is reduc'd to Pagodas 500 which will be paid 26th July next.

143. 15 per cent of the Washers wages stopt towards paying their Debt by the Coast Books it decreased Pagodas 415 : 14 : 54. and by further stops since it was in December last but Pagodas 3357 : — : 74.

144. The Walls being new Chinam'd came to Pagodas 519 : 8 : 30 which will preserve them from the weather, 280 foot of the Garden Wall fallen down order'd to be repair'd, the Prisons cost 94 Pagodas to repair.

145. 11th August order'd the Wood Materials of Madepollam Factory to be secur'd from the Weather, shall dispose of them.

146. 24th March made a new Regulation for collecting the Customs on imported Cloth less lyable to Errors which answer'd.

147. 2d. Aprill Report made of Ingeram Expence, Mr. Blunts Salary and Dyet Money reduced and Corporal Wattons pay and 7th April settled him to have 15 Peons, this has reduc'd half the Expences.

148. Mr. Symonds by order demanded Mr. Blunt to explain several Articles in the Charge of Ingeram for a year, who did give answer for some and not all, shall before Mr. Symonds returns hear his report of all and instruct him how to finish it and to advise.

149. The Merchants complaining they paid Town Conicoplys Duty on the Company's Cloth, for their Encouragement order'd it to be repaid.

150. On the petition of the Patan Merchants for an Indulgence in paying their Customs 30th Aprill, allow'd them 3 Months time for paying Customs on their Goods.

151. On Complaint of Pagodas being brought into Madrass of less weight and fineness than the Madrass, as the best remedy to this Evil have prohibited exporting uncoyned Gold except made into Utencils as per Consultation 30th Aprill.

152. Have endeavour'd to make as few Presents and as small as possible, 9th May agreed to send one to the Nabob of about 500 Pagodas value, the particulars enter'd 30th June, he expected a larger and seem'd to refuse it but was told it could not be encreased, can transact nothing with him without Money.

153. The President believing the Charge of the Hospital to be too large and partly unnecessary it was enquir'd into and as an Expedient proposed that the Surgeons should interchangeably take the Charge, by their Emulation to get it reduced, hope soon to see the Success.

154. The Horses being worn out, old or dead, 7th November bought four young ones, shall sell one of the Guard Horses so that the Charge will not be encreased and yet have good serviceable horses if wanted.

155. The Rent of Madrass paid 30th June, the Congohee duty for the Villages 21st July.

156. Have executed the 14th Paragraph of 7th January as order'd as per Consultation, Captain Powneys Remonstrance enter'd 26th August, says he was not concern'd in the Anne which took the China Junk, but order'd by the President and Council to pay the Barcalong's demands if not exceeding 4,000 Pagodas for her Capture, which compounding at under 3,000 he says he merited thereby. Have demanded of those in India the last Dividend of the Junks Tea, being Pagodas 542 : 8 : 46. which is paid in, Captain Powney paid the Balance Pagodas 707 : 27 : 34. due from the Owners now in England, recommended this to the Company's Favour, because he acted by order of Governor and Council.

157. Have answer'd Paragraph 15, Balance of Bernal and Rivets Estates sent No. 43. can't find any legal Heirs to Rivet.

158. Mr. Bernal's Balance receiv'd out of the Mayors Court and paid into Cash with Rivets being Pagodas 653 : 11 : 78.

159. Have already mention'd building the Mint and Powder house.

160. Having receiv'd from Bombay the Company's order to have 2 per cent Consulage for what traded for at Bussorah, demanded it of the Supra Cargos of the Ships then at Madrass, they insisted they had not heard of it till February 1724–5 and supposing the Company did not intend a Retrospect, they delivering in Account of Sales upon Oath paid Rupees 16,780 : 7 : 6. which was calculated on the valuation of the Mamoodies by the Essay Master as per Consultations 20th, 29th August, 2d and 6th September.

161. Mr. Houssay and Council at Bussorah detain'd rupees 21,870 : 6 : 7. Value in Goods belonging to Madrass Inhabitants about the dispute of Consulage, 6th September Mr. Rawson Hart deliver'd in a Representation for all the concerneds with several papers refer'd to No. 49, they suffer by detaining the goods, loosing a Market and the Interest, they did not know the Company had demanded Consulage and being men of Fortunes the Consulage could be well secured.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, AND THEIR ACCOMPTS.

162. Have station'd the 6 Writers and 3 Factors receiv'd as will appear by the List No. 24, Copy of it enter'd in Consultation.

163. Captain Hill having Indentures and made due Submission stays in India 'till has ended his Voyage as per Consultation 18th May, would not have suffered it without his giving the Promises he did, and for the sake of those concern'd in the Voyage.

164. Hope shall not have occasion to make Excuses for any Cloth they send, the Merchants have made some reparation for their Injustice.

165. The Secretary reprimanded for not sending the List of Inhabitants, as usual which he says was forgot to be sent thô drawn out.

166. Are glad the Company have got satisfaction of Mr. Sitwell.

167. No Goods allow'd to be sent to the West Coast but what desired by the Factors and granted by the President and Councill, on making it so appear, the Quantity has been but small if too much desired will limit it, have made them sensible of the Company's Favour therein, the President thankful for the grant on his Representation, promises to take Care none shall engross it to the Prejudice of others.

168. Thankful for admitting Mr. Pyott on his Recommendation, have made him 9th of Council and to act as provisional Secretary till Mr. Torriano returns, he is thankful and promises Fidelity, his Covenants and Bonds sent No. 39.

169. Mr. John Saunders Covenants and Bonds receiv'd return'd witness No. 36.

170. The allowance settled by the Supravisor sufficient for the Deputy Governor at present considering the Indulgence of Trade.

171. Mr. Walshes conduct on the West Coast culpable, is dismist for breach of orders and abusing his Trust, irregular Living shortens Peoples Lives there, will encourage Temperance there.

172. Mr. Torriano had instructions to enquire into Mr. Hubbards Conduct while on the West Coast, will send the Account when receiv'd.

173. Edward Rivers Account Currant enter'd 7th November, Ballance Pagodas 143 : 29 : 77.

174. James Graves dyed 6th November 1725.

175. Directions in Paragraph 78 shall be observ'd, the fault complain'd of amended.

176. The soldiers sent out receiv'd except one per Mary run or drown'd at Madeira.

177. The Military continued near to the Reduction order'd, have not above 5 or 6 over to supply Mortality, the Number barely sufficient and would not do if attackt, can't recruit as they do in Bengall, will put the Company to as little Charge as possible.

178. Mr. Holcombe made 4th of Council at St. Davids.

179. 9th May Mr. Houghton made Rentall General and Scavenger, 1st September Mr. Pyot appointed to said station.

180. Mr. Robert Dalzell dy'd intestate 10th May, his Effects but small being but Pagodas 23 : 31 : 40. shall divide among his Creditors, the Effects sent him out not arriving before he dy'd were sold and paid into Cash being Pagodas 57 : 24 : 5.

181. Mr. Higginson dy'd 7th June commended, his Mother returns on the Middlesex.

182. Doctor George Ramsay dy'd 1st July, Mathew Lindsey entertain'd Surgeon, Paymaster and Secretary finding no Will were order'd to take Charge of his Effects, which can't settle the Account of because some Effects are sent to the Bay, &c^{a}.

183. Refer to Consultations 7th and 15th November to show what Removes made and the reasons.

184. The President believing Tonapa, formerly Warehouse Conicoply, had Effects which his son traded with, the 15th November the Council agreed to confine both close hoping to make some discoverys which the President will endeavour and to recover what they can find.

185. Mr. Symonds come up from Vizagapatam, will settle with him the next Investment.

186. Mr. Pitt come from St. Davids to give Account of Affairs there and consider to enlarge the next Investment, he arriv'd the 29th December, will soon return back.

187. George Verelst was engag'd with a Merchant before the orders arriv'd, William Martin entertain'd Writer is in the Secretary's Office capable and diligent, expect several Setts of Indentures shall then send his and what other wanting, will not entertain any servants abroad, have Assistants enough at present which shall be usefully employ'd.

188. Will entertain none who come out clandestinely, but send them home.

189. Mr. Newcombe allow'd standing from his first coming out, is a useful Man Surveyor of the Works and now assists the Paymaster, the deserving Persons at Subordinate Factorys shall be encourag'd as order'd.

190. Mr. Hyde thankful for the favour to him will deserve further Encouragement.

191. Mr. Holland Goddard is return'd to his station is capable and diligent.

192. Transcript of the Bill in Chancery deliver'd to the several Partys who will send Answers by these ships, will take care when order'd that they swear to their Answers.

193. Major Roaches pay and servants shall be continued to him as order'd, he is zealous for the Company, keeps the Garrison well disciplined, returns the Company thanks.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

194. The Accounts carefully kept up as order'd, thankful their Bills have been paid, find Matters with Mr. Sitwell are accommodated.

195. On the Agent for the Jesuit Missionarys Application to them and the Report made by the Committee of Council, agreed to receive 20,000 Pagodas in the whole from them viz. 29th September the Accountant deliver'd in their Account Currant by which found there wanted Pagodas 2,697: 9: 29. to compleat it, it was agreed to be receiv'd, the old Bond cancell'd and a new Bond given for an Annuity of 6 per cent per annum on 20,000 Pagodas, Copy sent No. 42, they offer'd some more but it was not taken in.

196. Have endeavour'd to recover bad debts thô have made none. Nairo Verona's Debt given over will be recover'd, the Washers are recovering thô with Difficulty, and are now trying for Tonapas.

197. Refer to the St. Davids Answer as to the Debts owing there, believe they write the truth, Mr. Pitt has done all he can towards getting them, but the Place is impoverish'd, if can get the Investment enlarg'd it will contribute to the recovering them.

198. Craggs arriving so late could not send her quickly to the Bay, but supply'd the Bay by other ships.

199. Have before answer'd the letter of 7th of January and Supplement per Derby and by the Head of the West Coast shall the rest.

200. The letter of the 8th December to the President receiv'd and all the Merchants debts being paid at Madrass and St. Davids and penaltys recover'd, the President had receiv'd the 5,000 Pagodas for which he is very thankful and promises his utmost Endeavours to serve the Company in all things.

201. Have receiv'd the Warehousekeepers Account of Coast Goods wanting and over, the Mistake in the Bridgwaters Invoice may have happen'd in the Bay for she carry'd Goods thither, for it don't appear in the Accounts here, the Accomptant promises his care to prevent future Complaints, can't find any particulars about the Goods wanting and over, to prevent the like have added to those who embale the Goods and recommended Exactness.

202. Have receiv'd the Account of Remains at the Coast and Bay which could not prevent and have made no Additions since, the Bay have overstock'd them with Petre and Gunnys, have supply'd them largely with Silver and advis'd them how the Investments went on.

203. The following Bills drawn at two Months and 8s. the Pagoda, for £35.16.1½. payable to Richard Burdet, for £14.12.6 to Ann Formow, for £783.12 to Wm Crowle Esq., for £154-16, to Robert Dymond, for £12.17.6¼ to Wm Dunster, for £222.13.6½ to Ann Gibbon, for £800 to Law: Parker and Duncan Monroe, for £150. to Francis Hugonin, for £260. to Grace Orrill, for £1,897.16.8 to Coll: Munro and Duncan Munro, for £720. to John Lauder, for £39.10.4¾ to Thomas Wright.

CONCERNING THE WEST COAST AFFAIRS.

204. Grantham arriv'd from West Coast 7th April brought letter of the 12th February 1724 and Copy of the General Letter to the West Coast, with Deputy Governor and Council's Letter 31 December 1725, and St. Helena Letter 17th July 1725, their Consultations and Accounts order'd to be examin'd, 12th April resolv'd to return to the West Coast with 300 Bales to fill up, 2 Chests of Silver receiv'd by her.

205. 20 Tons redwood and 1400 Baggs Petre supply'd the Grantham.

206. On receiving the report on the West Coast Accounts resolv'd to send over a Supravisor in Consultation 30th Aprill to inspect into Affairs there, 6th June Mr. Torriano appointed Supravisor.

207. Sent 10 Lascars and a Tendall on the Grantham to bring back the George Brigantine.

208. Sent also the Stores indented for and the Cloth wanted pickt out of the Turn'd out at Pagodas 26 a Corge.

209. And also Mr. Robert Douglass Surgeon.

210. Are exact in examining all goods desir'd for the West Coast as order'd in paragraph 71 of 1st December distinguishing what for use, what for sale as per Letters sent No. 35 and 81, to prevent Goods to be sent without order and to ascertain the Customs.

211. Mr. Walsh's conduct so bad and his Fault laid before the Council agreed to dismiss him as per Consultation 18th June.

212. Mr. Carnegie to be Deputy Governour if found faithfull else the Supravisor to continue.

213. Refer to their Letter and Instructions Nos. 32 and 33 for what Orders given, for better regulating the Settlements, the Supravisor had with him the Report on the West Coast Books, sent also a General Letter to the Company.

214. Hope the Grantham will be soon dispatcht which Mr. Torriano is order'd to do.

215. Understanding the Carnarvon was sent to the West Coast or to come to Madrass if not laden, have order'd if can load her within 40 Tons by the 7ber Crop of Pepper to send her home, if not to keep her for the February Crop, if both fail to send to Madrass in May, to be dispatcht early for England.

216. Mr. William Maskelyne continued Ensign on the West Coast.

217. Have to encourage the Mallays order'd the Cloth to be paid for. Pepper at Bental to be Lower'd from 90 to 75 dollars per Cargo long cloth ordinary and to suspend any for paying it higher.

218. George Brigantine arriv'd from West Coast 13th August wanting Repairs, Letter receiv'd from thence No. 62 with Consultations &c^{a}. and a Packet for the Company sent No. 37 with their Accounts.

219. Letter from Mr. Carnegie receiv'd about managing the Companys Affairs, enter'd with another 15th August, show'd why should dismiss Mr. Walsh.

220. Three of the Covenant servants there being dead, have sent Mr. Robert Lenox and Julius Gollop. Mr. Lenox to be third of Council and to reside at Moco Moco, Mr. Gollop to be fifth of Council and Paymaster, and Lewis Perry to be a Writer as per Consultation 5th August and Letter sent No. 78.

221. Sent by the Marlborough a Commission for Mr. Carnegie to be Deputy Governour and for the Council of 14th October, dispatcht her next day Mr. Torriano to return back.

222. Have order'd what Buildings are to be done to be of Brick and Chinam which the Slaves can make and do at small Charge of which they are to make an essay, building with Bricks will be most frugal.

223. Will follow the orders of 17th January touching the West Coast. The President will particularly inspect them and all the Council concur with him, whoever breaks orders shall be punished, Mr. Walsh's expulsion a proof of it.

224. Last year Sultan Guillamot renewed his pretensions to A[n]jack Soongey, by Mr. Smiths conduct and Datoo Buggueses Bravery of Moco Moco he was dispers'd and several kill'd and now in Peace, have therefore allow'd the Dattoo his full Pay.

225. Mr. Carnegie has been faithful though under Mr. Walsh the Bills drawn were not his but those at Madrass to whom he was Attorney, he was employ'd by Messrs. Dean and Bugden but soon left them speaking against their unwarrantable trade, if find him guilty will not indulge him.

226. Have had no Bills drawn on Madrass from Bencoolen since the President's arrival there and they sent 2 Chests silver per Grantham, will supply what money they want for Pepper.

227. The 2 Popish Priests allowance is but for one, can't determine about Dyet Money for the Lieutenants and Surgeons 'till hear from Mr. Torriano, Foresti Engeneer discharg'd was not wanted.

228. Have supply'd the West Coast with what they indented for, adding 2 ten inch Cables and an 8 inch hawser, rest Naval stores per King George detain'd.

229. Mr. Tempest took passage on a brigantine for the West Coast for Batavia, where the Dutch refused to let him get a Vessell to carry him for the West Coast. when the Supra Cargos return shall know their reason for not carrying him to the West Coast.

230. Mr. Wilford suspended at Fort Marlbrô sent to Madrass, have reheard him and confirm'd his Suspension, he being subsisted on Charity and having nothing, have let him come home to appear before the Company.

CONCERNING THE FRENCH.

231. Cargos of their last two ships sent, No. 81.

232. Copy of their Articles of Peace with Boyanore sent No. 48 receiv'd from Tellicherry, have got a Settlement at large Expence of Men and Money, two Europe ships sent thither lately, dispatcht 5 for Europe with small Cargos.

233. Had but 2 ships from France this Season and small stock, they have neither Goods nor Money, without a large Supply can do but little, the last years Investments hurt the Companys, advanc'd on the Prices, and were easy as to the quality of the Goods, this made them well serv'd while the English could get but little.

234. The two French ships made Prize of an Interloper at Don Mascarenas, sent her to Pegu to refit where she was sold being rotten, was called the Hartford fitted in Holland, the Captain and Supra Cargo seiz'd at the Cape, the ship then went to Madagascar so to Mascarenas, can't learn what value she was of.

SUPPLEMENT.

235. Thankful for the Advice of His Majesty's Endeavours to secure the English Trade and Libertys and the Parliaments resolutions thereon.

236. Thought to dispatch the Lyell &c^{a}. sooner, but having receiv'd more Bales from St. Davids dispatcht the Mary with them for more Security.

237. Paupa Braminy dy'd few days since.

238. Understand the King George, Derby and Craggs would be dispatcht from the Bay 20th January, the Dawson and Barrington in February.

239. Have not receiv'd from St. Davids the Cloth to imitate Cambrick, a Muster sent of the sort Cambrick breadth and Length for which ask 6 Pagodas apiece, hope to get it of the Betellee length and breadth for 12 or 13 Pagodas and send a Parcel by the next.

240. Lyell's Invoice Pagodas 143,891 : Fa: 9 : Ca: 46, the Middlesex Pagodas 143,332 : 19 : 74 . the Essex's Pagodas 97,025 : 13 : 60, the Mary's Pagodas 144,348 : 34 : 19, Lyells' Register of Dyamonds Pagodas 56,166 : 7 : 20 Middlesex's D^{o}. Pagodas 43,266 : 30 : 17½, Essex's D^{o}. Pagodas 24,591 : 8 : 75, Mary's D^{o}. Pagodas 3,186 : 32 : 16, Captain Small register'd no Goods, Captain Pelly Pagodas 967 Value, Captain Somers Pagodas 2,521 : 15 : 64, Captain Holden Pagodas 3,699 : 28.

241. All 4 ships order'd to keep company for greater Security.

242. Wish all the Company's ships may arrive safe.

RANDALL FOWKE. JAMES MACRAE.
JAMES HUBBARD. GEORGE MORTON PITT.
JOSEPH HOUGHTON. NATH^{l}. TURNER.
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